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TOTAL EMPLOYMENT JUMPS OVER THE MONTH: In mid-September of this year, the State's total employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 3,020,300, a good net monthly gain of 44,800 workers (+1.5 percent). North Carolina's seasonally adjusted total employment surged ahead by 100,000 people (+3.4 percent) to 3,025,000 from the middle of August to the middle of September, 1985.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT RECORDS MINIMAL MONTHLY GAIN: North Carolina's manufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 813,500 as of the middle of September, 1985, a slight net over-the-month rise of 100 persons. The durable goods segment fell by 1,900 people (-0.6 percent) as seven of its nine industry groups sustained losses. Nonelectrical machinery (-800), electrical machinery (-400), and "other" durable goods (-400) were the three largest. The nondurable goods segment barely offset those declines with the addition of 2,000 workers (+0.4 percent) as employment grew in the tobacco manufacturing (+2,000), apparel and related products (+900), and food and kindred products (+700) industry groups.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT EXHIBITS SEASONAL JUMP: Statewide nonmanufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 1,832,000 as of mid-September, 1985, an anticipated seasonal climb of 50,000 workers (+2.8 percent) since mid-August. Most of the growth occurred in government, up by 49,200 (+13.0 percent). The transportation, communications, and public utilities segment displayed a respectable net monthly gain of 1,100 (+0.8 percent).

MANUFACTURING DOWN BUT NONMANUFACTURING UP SINCE LAST YEAR: North Carolina's manufacturing employment fell by 22,600 people (-2.7 percent) over the year. The three largest industries accounting for 76.1 percent of that drop were textile mill products (-12,800); apparel and related products (-3,300), and furniture and fixtures (-1,100). On the other hand, the State's nonmanufacturing employment increased by 63,500 (+3.6 percent) during the past twelve months as all of the industry groups added workers. The service and miscellaneous (+21,000), trade (+17,900), and construction (+12,000) industries experienced the largest gains.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS SIGNIFICANTLY: North Carolina's total unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 133,700 in mid-September of this year, a large net over-the-month decline of 49,800 persons (-27.1 percent). As a result, the unadjusted rate of unemployment fell from 5.8 percent in August, 1985, to 4.2 percent in September, 1985. The Statewide seasonally adjusted total unemployment was estimated to be 148,000 in September, 1985, a net monthly decrease of 37,000 people (-20.0 percent). Consequently, the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment dropped from 5.9 percent to 4.7 percent. The unadjusted rate of unemployment for the Nation was 6.9 percent in September and August of this year. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 7.1 percent in September, 1985, and 7.0 percent in August, 1985.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/

	September, 1985	August, 1985
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)		
Civilian Labor Force	3,154,000	3,159,000
Employment	3,020,300	2,975,500
Unemployment	133,700	183,500
Unemployment Rate	4.2	5.8
(Seasonally Adjusted)		
Civilian Labor Force	3,173,000	3,110,000
Employment	3,025,000	2,925,000
Unemployment	148,000	185,000
Unemployment Rate	4.7	5.9
National Rate (Unadjusted)	6.9	6.9
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.1	7.0

1/ Data prior to January, 1985, for North Carolina, are not comparable due to a significant change in the procedure for deriving monthly labor force estimates.

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS BOTH RISE: The average hourly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees was $7.32 in mid-September. This represented a 2¢ an hour (+0.3 percent) increase over the month and a net yearly gain of 26¢ an hour (+3.7 percent). Workers in the durable goods segment enjoyed a modest net monthly increase of 4¢ an hour (+0.5 percent) to reach $7.52 in September, 1985. The September average hourly earnings was 22¢ an hour (+3.0 percent) above September of last year. The durable goods industry workers that experienced the largest net over-the-month rise were those in primary metals. The hourly rate was up by 13¢ an hour (+1.5 percent), from $8.53 to $8.66 this September. Nonelectrical machinery employees saw a net monthly increase of 12¢ an hour (+1.4 percent) to reach $8.42. Earnings for production workers in the nondurable goods segment remained constant at $7.18 over the month while rising by 28¢ an hour (+4.1 percent) over the year. Paper and allied products workers led the way in nondurables with a net over-the-month surge of 38¢ an hour (+3.5 percent) to climb to $11.26 in September of this year, while those in chemicals saw a net monthly increase of 11¢ an hour (+1.2 percent) to rise to $9.64. From the middle of August, 1985, to the middle of September, 1985, the average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers grew by $3.72 (+1.3 percent) to $292.80, which was $15.34 (+5.5 percent) more than one year ago. Average weekly hours stood at 40.0 this September, up by 0.4 of an hour over the month and by 0.7 of an hour over the year.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS FALLS SLIGHTLY: As of September 30, 1985, there were 171,222 active job applicants registered for work with the local Job Service offices across the State, a net over-the-month drop of 684 people (-0.4 percent). The largest applicant sector by age was the twenty-two to thirty-nine segment which had 105,968 or 61.9 percent of the total. The forty to fifty-four age group totaled 28,885 or 16.9 percent, and the fifty-five and over sector had the fewest active applicants with just 9,485 or 5.5 percent of the total. Male applicants made up the majority of the applicants with 86,062, slightly more than half of the total. The largest ethnic group was white, not Hispanic, with a count of 99,122 or 57.9 percent of the total. The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's active applicant file at the end of September, 1985.

STATEWIDE ACTIVE APPLICANT FILE

September 30, 1985

	Number	Percent
Total	171,222	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	26,884	15.7
22-39	105,968	61.9
40-54	28,885	16.9
55 and Over	9,485	5.5
Sex		
Male	86,062	50.3
Female	85,160	49.7
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	99,122	57.9
Black, not Hispanic	67,286	39.3
Hispanic	1,526	0.9
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,427	1.4
Other Races and Undetermined	861	0.5
Eligible Claimant	72,497	42.3
Veteran	32,525	19.0
Handicapped	10,230	6.0
Seasonal Farmworker	3,704	2.2

THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS DECLINES IN SEPTEMBER: During the month of September of this year, there were 25,709 job openings received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina, a noticeable net monthly decrease of 5,453 (-17.5 percent). A good percentage of those openings was filled (80.8 percent or 20,765). Farming, fishing, and forestry was the occupational group with the most openings received in September, a total of 5,995. Almost all of those were filled (5,881 or 98.1 percent). Miscellaneous occupations followed with 4,112 job openings received and 3,464 or 84.2 percent filled. Job openings received for the service category numbered 3,352, and 2,421 or 72.2 percent of these were filled. The professional, technical, and managerial group recorded the fewest job openings received with only 873, and of these 409 (46.8 percent) were filled. There were 87,679 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the State from July 1, 1985, through September 30, 1985. Most of those were filled (73,223 or 83.5 percent). There were 18,293 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file as of September 30, 1985. The majority of those job openings (11,985 or 65.5 percent) had been labeled hard-to-fill, meaning that the openings existed for thirty days or more. The next table gives more data on the State's job openings for September, 1985, and for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1985, through September 30, 1985).

STATEWIDE JOB OPENINGS DATA

Occupation	September, 1985		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) as of Sep. 30, 1985	
	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	873	409	3,226	1,818	1,730	1,234
Clerical	2,509	1,571	8,929	6,344	2,483	1,499
Sales	979	586	2,619	1,382	1,197	844
Service	3,352	2,421	12,996	10,258	3,707	2,488
Domestic	278	220	887	727	165	123
Other Services	3,074	2,201	12,109	9,531	3,542	2,365
Farm, Fish., and Forest.	5,995	5,881	22,403	22,326	282	220
Processing	1,000	980	3,825	3,394	568	405
Machine Trades	1,625	1,224	4,903	3,649	1,643	1,017
Bench Work	2,048	1,913	6,191	5,573	1,713	1,133
Structural Work	3,216	2,316	11,231	9,030	2,823	1,828
Miscellaneous	4,112	3,464	11,356	9,449	2,147	1,317
Motor Freight and Transp.	597	317	1,828	1,153	597	333
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	3,434	3,104	9,294	8,134	1,443	917
Other	81	43	234	162	107	67
Total	25,709	20,765	87,679	73,223	18,293	11,985

1/ July 1, 1985, through September 30, 1985.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

September, 1985

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Sept. 1985 (Thous.)	Aug. * 1985 (Thous.)	Sept. 1984 (Thous.)	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,645.5	2,595.4	2,604.6	+ 1.9	+ 1.6
MANUFACTURING	813.5	813.4	836.1	**	- 2.7
DURABLE GOODS	328.8	330.7	334.2	- 0.6	- 1.6
Lumber & Wood Products	36.3	36.5	36.7	- 0.5	- 1.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.9	12.9	13.0	0	- 0.8
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.7	8.9	9.2	- 2.2	- 5.4
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.9	4.8	4.4	+ 2.1	+ 11.4
Furniture & Fixtures	82.7	82.8	83.8	- 0.1	- 1.3
Household Furniture	72.5	72.5	73.8	0	- 1.8
Wood Household Furniture	36.0	36.1	37.5	- 0.3	- 4.0
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.3	31.2	31.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.8	18.8	19.1	0	- 1.6
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.8	2.6	- 3.6	+ 3.8
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.5	5.5	5.3	0	+ 3.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.2	11.3	11.2	- 0.9	0
Fabricated Metal Products	26.9	26.9	26.7	0	+ 0.7
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.7	8.7	8.7	0	0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.2	55.0	55.5	- 1.5	- 2.3
Special Industry Machinery	7.2	7.2	7.6	0	- 5.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.4	62.8	64.3	- 0.6	- 3.0
Household Appliances	5.0	5.2	6.2	- 3.8	- 19.4
Transportation Equipment	21.7	21.8	21.0	- 0.5	+ 3.3
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.4	14.8	15.9	- 2.7	- 9.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	484.7	482.7	501.9	+ 0.4	- 3.4
Food & Kindred Products	46.6	45.9	45.0	+ 1.5	+ 3.6
Meat Products	19.5	19.4	18.1	+ 0.5	+ 7.7
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.7	2.5	- 3.7	+ 4.0
Dairy Products	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 8.0
Bakery Products	8.1	7.9	8.1	+ 2.5	0
Beverages	6.6	6.7	6.5	- 1.5	+ 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	26.4	24.4	27.6	+ 8.2	- 4.3
Cigarettes	19.9	20.3	19.8	- 2.0	+ 0.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	6.0	3.8	7.4	+ 57.9	- 18.9
Textile Mill Products	205.5	206.0	218.3	- 0.2	- 5.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	51.9	52.5	60.4	- 1.1	- 14.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.4	26.6	30.7	- 0.8	- 14.0
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.7	25.2	28.9	- 2.0	- 14.5
Knitting Mills	77.0	77.2	76.5	- 0.3	+ 0.7
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.2	23.1	22.4	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
Hosiery, NEC	21.7	21.9	22.4	- 0.9	- 3.1
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.5	14.3	13.8	+ 1.4	+ 5.1
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.8	6.8	7.0	0	- 2.9
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	13.9	13.8	14.6	+ 0.7	- 4.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.5	50.4	53.5	+ 0.2	- 5.6

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September, 1985

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Sept. 1985 (Thous.)	Aug.* 1985 (Thous.)	Sept. 1984 (Thous.)	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.0	88.1	92.3	+ 1.0	- 3.6
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	29.1	28.4	31.0	+ 2.5	- 6.1
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	39.1	39.1	41.2	0	- 5.1
Paper & Allied Products	22.1	22.2	22.2	- 0.5	- 0.5
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.4	10.5	10.9	- 1.0	- 4.6
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.4	7.4	7.5	0	- 1.3
Printing & Publishing	24.8	24.9	24.2	- 0.4	+ 2.5
Newspapers	9.4	9.4	9.2	0	+ 2.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.4	36.9	38.1	- 1.4	- 4.5
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.8	12.8	13.4	0	- 4.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.4	29.8	29.7	- 1.3	- 1.0
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.4	4.5	+ 2.3	0
NONMANUFACTURING	1,832.0	1,782.0	1,768.5	+ 2.8	+ 3.6
MINING	4.8	4.8	4.7	0	+ 2.1
CONSTRUCTION	151.8	152.3	139.8	- 0.3	+ 8.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	131.6	130.5	130.2	+ 0.8	+ 1.1
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	72.2	70.7	70.7	+ 2.1	+ 2.1
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.4	54.8	54.3	- 0.7	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	579.5	578.6	561.6	+ 0.2	+ 3.2
Wholesale Trade	134.9	135.5	135.1	- 0.4	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade—Durable Goods	79.6	80.3	78.1	- 0.9	+ 1.9
Wholesale Trade—Nondurable Goods	55.2	55.2	57.0	0	- 3.2
Retail Trade	444.6	443.1	426.5	+ 0.3	+ 4.2
General Merchandise Stores	56.6	56.5	55.0	+ 0.2	+ 2.9
Food Stores	67.5	67.6	67.0	- 0.1	+ 0.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	111.0	111.3	105.9	- 0.3	+ 4.8
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	426.0	426.4	405.0	- 0.1	+ 5.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.9	26.6	25.0	- 2.6	+ 3.6
Personal Services	27.2	27.1	25.6	+ 0.4	+ 6.2
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.3	11.3	10.7	0	+ 5.6
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	427.4	378.2	421.3	+ 13.0	+ 1.4
Federal	51.5	51.8	50.1	- 0.6	+ 2.8
State	122.0	116.4	120.9	+ 4.8	+ 0.9
Education	61.3	55.4	59.4	+ 10.6	+ 3.2
Other	60.7	61.0	61.5	- 0.5	- 1.3
Local	253.8	210.0	250.3	+ 20.9	+ 1.4
Education	137.7	91.5	136.1	+ 50.5	+ 1.2
Other	116.1	118.5	114.2	- 2.0	+ 1.7

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

* Revised.

** Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

September, 1985

Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Sept. 1985 (Thous.)	Aug.* 1985 (Thous.)	Sept. 1984 (Thous.)	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,621.3	2,616.6	2,581.4	+ 0.2	+ 1.5
MANUFACTURING	806.2	810.3	828.9	- 0.5	- 2.7
DURABLE GOODS	326.9	331.0	332.5	- 1.2	- 1.7
Lumber & Wood Products	35.8	36.0	36.2	- 0.6	- 1.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.8	12.8	12.9	0	- 0.8
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.6	8.8	9.1	- 2.3	- 5.5
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.8	4.6	4.3	+ 4.3	+ 11.6
Furniture & Fixtures	82.6	84.0	83.7	- 1.7	- 1.3
Household Furniture	72.4	73.3	73.7	- 1.2	- 1.8
Wood Household Furniture	35.5	36.0	37.0	- 1.4	- 4.1
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.4	31.5	31.1	- 0.3	+ 1.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.5	18.7	18.8	- 1.1	- 1.6
Structural Clay Products	2.6	2.7	2.5	- 3.7	+ 4.0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.4	5.4	5.2	0	+ 3.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.2	11.2	11.2	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	26.6	26.8	26.4	- 0.7	+ 0.8
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.6	8.6	8.6	0	0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.3	55.0	55.6	- 1.3	- 2.3
Special Industry Machinery	7.2	7.2	7.6	0	- 5.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	61.8	62.7	63.7	- 1.4	- 3.0
Household Appliances	4.5	4.8	5.6	- 6.2	- 19.6
Transportation Equipment	21.7	21.8	21.0	- 0.5	+ 3.3
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.4	14.8	15.9	- 2.7	- 9.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	479.3	479.3	496.4	0	- 3.4
Food & Kindred Products	45.9	45.4	44.3	+ 1.1	+ 3.6
Meat Products	19.4	19.2	18.0	+ 1.0	+ 7.8
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.7	2.5	- 3.7	+ 4.0
Dairy Products	2.7	2.6	2.7	+ 3.8	0
Grain Mill Products	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 8.0
Bakery Products	8.1	7.9	8.1	+ 2.5	0
Beverages	6.6	6.5	6.5	+ 1.5	+ 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.7	22.7	24.8	+ 4.4	- 4.4
Cigarettes	20.2	20.2	20.1	0	+ 0.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.6	2.8	4.4	+ 28.6	- 18.2
Textile Mill Products	204.5	205.4	217.2	- 0.4	- 5.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	51.7	52.5	60.2	- 1.5	- 14.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.6	26.8	31.0	- 0.7	- 14.2
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.5	25.2	28.6	- 2.8	- 14.3
Knitting Mills	76.5	76.7	76.0	- 0.3	+ 0.7
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	23.2	23.0	22.4	+ 0.9	+ 3.6
Hosiery, NEC	21.6	21.6	22.3	0	- 3.1
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.6	14.4	13.9	+ 1.4	+ 5.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.7	6.8	6.9	- 1.5	- 2.9
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	13.9	13.7	14.6	+ 1.5	- 4.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.3	50.1	53.3	+ 0.4	- 5.6

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

September, 1985

Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Sept. 1985 (Thous.)	Aug.* 1985 (Thous.)	Sept. 1984 (Thous.)	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984
Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.0	87.6	91.3	+ 0.5	- 3.6
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	28.7	28.1	30.6	+ 2.1	- 6.2
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	29.0	38.8	41.0	- 25.3	- 29.3
Paper & Allied Products	22.1	22.3	22.2	- 0.9	- 0.5
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.4	10.6	10.9	- 1.9	- 4.6
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.4	7.5	7.5	- 1.3	- 1.3
Printing & Publishing	25.1	25.3	24.5	- 0.8	+ 2.4
Newspapers	9.5	9.5	9.3	0	+ 2.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.5	36.9	38.3	- 1.1	- 4.7
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.0	12.8	13.6	+ 1.6	- 4.4
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.0	29.3	29.3	- 1.0	- 1.0
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.4	4.5	+ 2.3	0
NONMANUFACTURING	1,815.1	1,806.3	1,752.5	+ 0.5	+ 3.6
MINING	4.8	4.8	4.7	0	+ 2.1
CONSTRUCTION	147.2	146.0	135.6	+ 0.8	+ 8.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	131.2	130.1	129.8	+ 0.8	+ 1.1
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	71.8	70.8	70.3	+ 1.4	+ 2.1
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.6	54.4	54.5	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	573.6	572.7	555.9	+ 0.2	+ 3.2
Wholesale Trade	131.7	132.7	131.9	- 0.8	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	79.7	80.0	78.2	- 0.4	+ 1.9
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	52.0	52.7	53.7	- 1.3	- 3.2
Retail Trade	441.9	440.0	424.0	+ 0.4	+ 4.2
General Merchandise Stores	57.3	57.1	55.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.9
Food Stores	66.8	67.3	66.3	- 0.7	+ 0.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	110.7	110.2	105.6	+ 0.5	+ 4.8
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	421.8	417.6	401.0	+ 1.0	+ 5.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	24.8	22.9	23.9	+ 8.3	+ 3.8
Personal Services	27.7	27.7	26.1	0	+ 6.1
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.3	11.2	10.7	+ 0.9	+ 5.6
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	425.8	424.9	419.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.4
Federal	51.8	51.3	50.4	+ 1.0	+ 2.8
State	123.8	125.8	122.7	- 1.6	+ 0.9
Education	62.5	66.1	60.6	- 5.4	+ 3.1
Other	61.3	59.7	62.1	+ 2.7	- 1.3
Local	250.2	247.8	246.8	+ 1.0	+ 1.4
Education	133.3	132.2	131.8	+ 0.8	+ 1.1
Other	116.9	115.6	115.0	+ 1.1	+ 1.7

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

* Revised.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

September, 1985

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	September 1985	August* 1985	September 1984	August 1985	September 1984
MANUFACTURING	643.6	643.1	670.1	+ 0.1	- 4.0
DURABLE GOODS	246.9	248.6	255.9	- 0.7	- 3.5
Lumber & Wood Products	31.3	31.5	31.8	- 0.6	- 1.6
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.6	7.8	8.1	- 2.6	- 6.2
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.9	3.9	3.6	0	+ 8.3
Furniture & Fixtures	73.0	73.0	74.7	0	- 2.3
Household Furniture	64.5	64.5	66.4	0	- 2.9
Wood Household Furniture	32.9	33.0	34.5	- 0.3	- 4.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.4	15.4	15.9	0	- 3.1
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.3	2.1	- 4.3	+ 4.8
Primary Metal Industries	8.4	8.4	8.5	0	- 1.2
Fabricated Metal Products	20.3	20.3	19.9	0	+ 2.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	26.2	26.9	28.3	- 2.6	- 7.4
Special Industry Machinery	4.9	4.9	5.2	0	- 5.8
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	44.1	44.4	47.5	- 0.7	- 7.2
Household Appliances	4.3	4.5	5.5	- 4.4	-21.8
Transportation Equipment	17.4	17.5	17.1	- 0.6	+ 1.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	396.7	394.5	414.2	+ 0.6	- 4.2
Food & Kindred Products	32.7	32.0	31.0	+ 2.2	+ 5.5
Meat Products	17.3	17.2	15.8	+ 0.6	+ 9.5
Meat Packing	1.9	1.9	1.7	0	+11.8
Dairy Products	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 5.9
Bakery Products	4.5	4.4	4.5	+ 2.3	0
Beverages	2.6	2.7	2.6	- 3.7	0
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.2	19.1	22.4	+11.0	- 5.4
Cigarettes	15.8	16.1	15.6	- 1.9	+ 1.3
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.0	2.7	6.4	+85.2	-21.9
Textile Mill Products	181.9	182.5	194.3	- 0.3	- 6.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	45.7	46.4	53.7	- 1.5	-14.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton	23.3	23.4	27.4	- 0.4	-15.0
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	22.0	22.5	25.9	- 2.2	-15.1
Knitting Mills	68.3	68.5	67.9	- 0.3	+ 0.6
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	21.0	21.0	20.4	0	+ 2.9
Hosiery, NEC	19.7	20.0	20.6	- 1.5	- 4.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	12.3	12.2	11.7	+ 0.8	+ 5.1
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.9	5.9	6.1	0	- 3.3
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	11.5	11.5	12.3	0	- 6.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	46.0	45.9	49.1	+ 0.2	- 6.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.7	76.9	81.8	+ 1.0	- 5.0
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	25.3	24.8	28.1	+ 2.0	-10.0
Women's & Children's Garments	34.1	34.0	36.0	+ 0.3	- 5.3
Paper & Allied Products	16.7	16.7	16.7	0	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.6	7.6	8.1	0	- 6.2
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.6	5.6	5.6	0	0
Printing & Publishing	15.4	15.3	15.0	+ 0.7	+ 2.7
Newspapers	3.5	3.6	3.6	- 2.8	- 2.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	23.4	23.8	24.9	- 1.7	- 6.0
Plastic Materials & Synthetics	8.9	9.0	9.3	- 1.1	- 4.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	24.0	24.4	24.3	- 1.6	- 1.2
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.8	3.7	3.8	+ 2.7	0

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products."

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ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

September, 1985

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Sept. 1985	Aug. * 1985	Sept. 1984	Sept. 1985	Aug. * 1985	Sept. 1984	Sept. 1985	Aug. * 1985	Sept. 1984
MANUFACTURING	$292.80	$289.08	$ 277.46	40.0	39.6	39.3	$ 7.32	$ 7.30	$ 7.06
DURABLE GOODS	306.06	300.70	295.65	40.7	40.2	40.5	7.52	7.48	7.30
Lumber & Wood Products	261.40	256.41	236.79	41.1	40.7	39.4	6.36	6.30	6.01
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	251.52	245.81	231.15	41.3	40.9	40.2	6.09	6.01	5.75
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	290.99	289.93	259.81	41.1	39.5	36.8	7.08	7.34	7.06
Furniture & Fixtures	262.52	254.10	246.77	39.3	38.5	38.8	6.68	6.60	6.36
Household Furniture	260.95	251.14	245.50	39.3	38.4	38.6	6.64	6.54	6.36
Wood Household Furniture	251.54	245.31	240.58	39.8	39.0	39.7	6.32	6.29	6.06
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	330.64	332.69	330.23	41.8	41.9	42.5	7.91	7.94	7.77
Structural Clay Products	287.62	284.26	275.01	42.8	43.2	44.5	6.72	6.58	6.18
Primary Metal Industries	368.05	359.97	356.33	42.5	42.2	44.1	8.66	8.53	8.08
Fabricated Metal Products	326.28	319.19	325.78	42.1	41.4	41.5	7.75	7.71	7.85
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	354.48	345.28	358.70	42.1	41.6	42.5	8.42	8.30	8.44
Special Industry Machinery	321.12	311.22	312.42	40.7	39.9	41.0	7.89	7.80	7.62
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	328.68	329.91	336.61	39.6	39.7	41.0	8.30	8.31	8.21
Household Appliances	281.81	257.54	278.70	41.2	39.2	42.1	6.84	6.57	6.62
Transportation Equipment	359.55	358.70	324.31	42.4	42.4	41.0	8.48	8.46	7.91
NONDURABLE GOODS	285.05	281.46	266.34	39.7	39.2	38.6	7.18	7.18	6.90
Food & Kindred Products	270.76	266.53	253.34	41.4	39.9	39.4	6.54	6.68	6.43
Meat Products	221.84	216.21	204.95	39.9	38.2	37.4	5.56	5.66	5.48
Meat Packing	338.69	345.31	312.84	43.2	43.6	39.4	7.84	7.92	7.94
Dairy Products	305.98	307.53	266.60	45.6	45.9	43.0	6.71	6.70	6.20
Grain Mill Products	307.38	306.86	301.37	44.1	43.9	43.3	6.97	6.99	6.96
Bakery Products	308.37	305.24	290.65	42.3	41.7	41.7	7.29	7.32	6.97
Beverages	487.13	500.83	469.27	43.3	44.4	42.7	11.25	11.28	10.99
Tobacco Manufacturers	445.62	465.79	407.03	36.2	34.3	39.1	12.31	13.58	10.41
Cigarettes	525.34	509.66	517.23	35.4	34.0	38.2	14.84	14.99	13.54
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	199.26	207.86	193.58	38.1	34.3	41.1	5.23	6.06	4.71
Textile Mill Products	258.15	253.74	241.54	39.9	39.4	38.4	6.47	6.44	6.29
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	292.01	283.93	276.11	40.5	39.6	39.9	7.21	7.17	6.92
Weaving Mills, Cotton	294.12	285.38	270.27	39.8	39.2	39.0	7.39	7.28	6.93
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	288.81	282.40	281.93	41.2	40.0	40.8	7.01	7.06	6.91
Knitting Mills	229.14	225.07	213.74	38.0	37.7	36.6	6.03	5.97	5.84
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	212.13	215.80	190.18	36.7	37.4	33.9	5.78	5.77	5.61
Hosiery, NEC	228.38	218.45	208.82	38.0	36.9	36.7	6.01	5.92	5.69
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	248.95	240.86	239.90	38.3	37.4	38.2	6.50	6.44	6.28
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	276.92	274.77	267.80	43.0	43.0	41.2	6.44	6.39	6.50
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	280.13	276.08	258.05	41.5	40.9	39.7	6.75	6.75	6.50
Yarn & Thread Mills	260.62	256.44	230.57	41.5	40.9	38.3	6.28	6.27	6.02
Apparel & Other Textile Products	193.88	191.58	179.00	37.5	37.2	35.8	5.17	5.15	5.00
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	189.72	186.38	174.06	36.0	35.5	34.4	5.27	5.25	5.06
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	182.51	182.14	168.98	37.4	37.4	35.5	4.88	4.87	4.76
Paper & Allied Products	497.69	474.37	466.55	44.2	43.6	43.4	11.26	10.88	10.75
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	637.37	608.38	574.21	45.3	44.8	43.9	14.07	13.58	13.08
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	368.46	352.44	338.57	44.5	44.0	43.8	8.28	8.01	7.73
Printing & Publishing	328.64	328.50	311.59	38.8	39.2	38.9	8.47	8.38	8.01
Newspapers	276.80	284.41	273.70	34.3	34.6	34.0	8.07	8.22	8.05
Chemicals & Allied Products	398.13	393.59	370.37	41.3	41.3	40.7	9.64	9.53	9.10
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	430.31	438.27	414.00	41.9	41.9	41.4	10.27	10.46	10.00
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	376.89	375.33	359.06	41.1	41.2	41.8	9.17	9.11	8.59
MINING	411.50	392.52	338.12	50.0	48.4	42.8	8.23	8.11	7.90
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	474.76	481.01	458.99	41.5	41.9	41.5	11.44	11.48	11.06
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	197.28	196.47	192.67	32.5	32.8	32.6	6.07	5.99	5.91
Wholesale Trade	296.40	294.47	289.81	39.0	38.9	38.9	7.60	7.57	7.45
Retail Trade	170.63	169.50	166.24	30.8	31.1	30.9	5.54	5.45	5.38
General Merchandise Stores	164.14	163.01	149.78	29.0	29.8	29.6	5.66	5.47	5.06
Food Stores	190.66	185.74	194.57	33.1	32.7	32.7	5.76	5.68	5.95
SERVICES. Hotels & Other Lodging Places	141.52	142.56	134.64	30.9	31.4	30.6	4.58	4.54	4.40
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	195.11	197.11	188.64	35.8	36.1	36.0	5.45	5.46	5.24

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

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STATE LABOR SUMMARY

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NORTH CAROLINA
STATE LABOR SUMMARY
October, 1985

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT CLIMBS IN OCTOBER: North Carolina's total employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 3,037,500 in the middle of October, 1985, a strong net over-the-month increase of 17,200 people (+0.6 percent). Statewide seasonally adjusted total employment was estimated to be 3,057,000 as of mid-October of this year, an impressive net monthly gain of 34,000 workers (+1.1 percent).

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT ENJOYS MODEST GROWTH: Manufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 815,100 in mid-October of this year, a noticeable net monthly gain of 800 workes (+0.1 percent). The durable goods sector accounted for 500 of that increase as most of its industry groups exhibited some kind of growth. Furniture and fixtures took the lead by adding 600 workers (+0.7 percent) over the month with the gain in total household furniture. Electrical machinery experienced an increase of 300 people (+0.5 percent) over the month due mainly to the addition of 200 workers in household appliances. Nonelectrical machinery, however, suffered a loss of 400 (-0.7 percent) due in part to the reduction of 100 workers in special industrial machinery. The nondurable goods sector grew by 300 from September to October, 1985, with minimal activity in most of the industry groups. Apparel and related products enjoyed a good increase of 700 persons (+0.8 percent), most of which was seen in men's and boys' clothing (+200) and women's and children's garments (+200). On the other hand, food and kindred products sustained a loss of 300 people (-0.6 percent) as meat products fell by 100 and beverages dropped by 200.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO CLIMB: As of the middle of October of this year, North Carolina's nonmanufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 1,851,500, a net monthly gain of 18,200 people (+1.0 percent). The government sector showed the largest growth (+7,400) as all three of its components added workers: federal (+100); state (+3,900); and local (+3,400). The trade industry displayed a net over-the-month increase of 5,700 workers (+1.0 percent), the vast majority of which took place in the retail sector (+5,000) as merchants prepared for the Christmas selling season. Mining was the only nonmanufacturing industry group to suffer a monthly decline, down by just 100.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT FALLS OVER THE MONTH: Total unemployment (seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 140,000 as of the middle of October, 1985, a significant net monthly drop of 8,000 people (-5.4 percent). Consequently, the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment decreased from 4.7 percent in September of this year to 4.4 percent in October. On the other hand, North Carolina's unadjusted total unemployment level rose by 14,000 persons (+10.5 percent) over the month to 147,700. As a result, the unadjusted rate of unemployment climbed from 4.2 percent to 4.6 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 6.8 percent this October and 6.9 percent this September. The seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment for the Nation remained at 7.1 percent over the month.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force 1/

	October, 1985	September, 1985
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)		
Civilian Labor Force	3,185,200	3,154,000
Employment	3,037,500	3,020,300
Unemployment	147,700	133,700
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.2
(Seasonally Adjusted)		
Civilian Labor Force	3,199,000	3,173,000
Employment	3,059,000	3,025,000
Unemployment	140,000	148,000
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.7
National Rate (Unadjusted)	6.8	6.9
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.1	7.1

1/ Data prior to January, 1985, for North Carolina, are not comparable due to a significant change in the procedure for deriving monthly labor force estimates.

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS DECREASE WHILE AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS INCREASE: In the middle of October, 1985, the average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers was $7.32, a slight net monthly drop of 1¢ an hour (-0.1 percent) but a net over-the-year rise of 24¢ an hour (+3.4 percent). Workers in the durable goods sector also suffered a slight net over-the-month loss of 1¢ an hour (-0.1 percent), falling to $7.53 this October. Workers in durable goods, however, gained 24¢ an hour (+3.3 percent) from a year ago. The net monthly gains in average hourly earnings by production workers in the specific durable goods industry groups were modest, with those in primary metals leading the way at 4¢ an hour (+0.5 percent) to hit $8.66. Production employees in furniture and fixtures averaged 2¢ an hour (+0.3 percent) more over the month, up to $6.70. Average hourly earnings of employees in the nondurable goods sector stayed the same at $7.19 from September to October of this year but did increase by 25¢ an hour (+3.6 percent) since October, 1984. The nondurable goods industry group workers which experienced the largest net monthly growth were those in chemicals, gaining 10¢ an hour (+1.0 percent) to $9.79. The workers in the rubber industry received 4¢ an hour more (+0.4 percent) to reach $9.16 this October. The average weekly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees rose $1.80 (+0.6 percent) to $295.73 from mid-September to mid-October of this year which amounted to a net over-the-year gain of $13.95 (+5.0 percent). In October, 1985, average weekly hours were 40.4, climbing over the month by 0.3 of an hour and over the year by 0.6 of an hour.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS GROWS NOTICEABLY: There were 192,221 active job applicants registered for work with the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina at the end of October of this year, a large net monthly increase of 20,999 persons (+12.3 percent). The twenty-two to thirty-nine sector continued to be the largest applicant segment by age with 120,518 or 62.7 percent of the total. The forty to fifty-four sector followed with 32,849 or 17.1 percent. The lowest number of active applicants occurred in the fifty-five and over segment with 10,183 or only 5.3 percent of the total. Most of the active applicants were females, numbering 103,093 or 53.6 percent of the total. Whites who were not Hispanics comprised the largest ethnic group with 104,803 or 54.6 percent of the total. The next table gives more data from the Statewide active applicant file as of October 31, 1985.

Statewide Active Applicant File
October 31, 1985

	Number	Percent
Total	192,221	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	28,671	14.9
22 - 39	120,518	62.7
40 - 54	32,849	17.1
55 and Over	10,183	5.3
Sex		
Male	89,128	46.4
Female	103,093	53.6
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	104,803	54.6
Black, not Hispanic	82,132	42.7
Hispanic	1,438	0.7
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,860	1.5
Other Races and Undetermined	988	0.5
Eligible Claimant	76,240	39.7
Veteran	33,525	17.4
Handicapped	12,921	6.7
Seasonal Farmworker	3,553	1.8
Welfare	27,384	14.2

THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS CONTINUES TO DROP: There were 23,278 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the State during the month of October, 1985, a net over-the-month decline of 2,431 (-9.5 percent). Most of those openings were filled (18,759 or 80.6 percent). The occupational category with the largest number of job openings received in October was service, which had 3,835. A good percentage of those openings was filled (71.8 percent or 2,754). The miscellaneous sector followed with 3,405 job openings received and 2,979 or 87.5 percent filled. Farming, fishing, and forestry recorded the third highest number of job openings received in October with 3,213, all of which were filled. The lowest number of job openings received was once again in the professional, technical, and managerial segment, which had 879 and about half (433) of those were filled. From July 1, 1985, through October 31, 1985, there were 110,957 job openings received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina, and 91,982 or 82.9 percent were filled. As of October 31, 1985, there were 16,635 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file. Most of those job openings (10,380 or 62.4 percent) had been on file for thirty days or more and were, therefore, classified as hard-to-fill. The following table provides additional information on North Carolina's job openings for October, 1985, and for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1985, through October 31, 1985).

Statewide Job Openings Data

Occupation	October, 1985		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) as of October 31, 1985	
	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	879	433	4,105	2,251	1,585	1,062
Clerical	2,503	1,697	11,432	8,041	2,211	1,340
Sales	1,288	906	3,907	2,288	1,185	796
Service	3,835	2,754	16,831	13,012	3,538	2,238
Domestic	240	194	1,127	921	137	98
Other Services	3,595	2,560	15,704	12,091	3,401	2,140
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	3,213	3,318	25,616	25,644	258	173
Processing	895	995	4,720	4,389	291	199
Machine Trades	1,857	1,257	6,760	4,906	1,713	1,008
Bench Work	2,213	2,059	8,404	7,632	1,436	764
Structural Work	3,190	2,361	14,421	11,391	2,688	1,790
Miscellaneous	3,405	2,979	14,761	12,428	1,730	1,010
Motor Freight and Trans.	491	357	2,319	1,510	492	313
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	2,798	2,526	12,092	10,660	1,159	650
Other	116	96	350	258	79	47
Total	23,278	18,759	110,957	91,982	16,635	10,380

1/ July 1, 1985, through October 31, 1985.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

October, 1985

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	October 1985 (Thous.)	September * 1985 (Thous.)	October 1984 (Thous.)	September 1985	October 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,666.6	2,647.6	2,615.8	+ 0.7	+ 1.9
MANUFACTURING	815.1	814.3	830.8	+ 0.1	- 1.9
DURABLE GOODS	329.0	328.5	333.8	+ 0.2	- 1.4
Lumber & Wood Products	36.0	35.9	36.8	+ 0.3	- 2.2
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.7	12.8	13.2	- 0.8	- 3.8
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.6	8.6	9.1	0	- 5.5
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.0	4.9	4.4	+ 2.0	+ 13.6
Furniture & Fixtures	83.3	82.7	83.9	+ 0.7	- 0.7
Household Furniture	73.1	72.5	74.0	+ 0.8	- 1.2
Wood Household Furniture	36.0	35.8	37.4	+ 0.6	- 3.7
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.6	31.4	31.2	+ 0.6	+ 1.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.0	18.8	19.0	+ 1.1	0
Structural Clay Products	2.8	2.7	2.6	+ 3.7	+ 7.7
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.5	5.5	5.3	0	+ 3.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.2	11.2	11.2	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	26.8	26.8	26.7	0	+ 0.4
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.6	8.6	0	0	0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	53.5	53.9	55.4	- 0.7	- 3.4
Special Industry Machinery	7.1	7.2	7.6	- 1.4	- 6.6
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.9	62.6	64.0	+ 0.5	- 1.7
Household Appliances	5.2	5.0	6.2	+ 4.0	- 16.1
Transportation Equipment	21.8	21.7	21.0	+ 0.5	+ 3.8
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.6	14.7	15.8	- 0.7	- 7.6
NONDURABLE GOODS	486.1	485.8	497.0	+ 0.1	- 2.2
Food & Kindred Products	46.6	46.9	45.3	- 0.6	+ 2.9
Meat Products	19.5	19.6	18.5	- 0.5	+ 5.4
Meat Packing Plants	2.4	2.7	2.6	- 11.1	- 7.7
Dairy Products	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	8.1	8.1	8.1	0	0
Beverages	6.4	6.6	6.2	- 3.0	+ 3.2
Tobacco Manufacturers	27.2	27.1	28.1	+ 0.4	- 3.2
Cigarettes	19.8	20.0	19.9	- 1.0	- 0.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	7.0	6.7	7.7	+ 4.5	- 9.1
Textile Mill Products	205.6	205.5	212.9	**	- 3.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	51.9	51.9	58.7	0	- 11.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.5	26.5	29.2	0	- 9.2
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.7	24.7	28.7	0	- 13.9
Knitting Mills	76.7	76.9	75.3	- 0.3	+ 1.9
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.9	23.2	21.9	- 1.3	+ 4.6
Hosiery, NEC	21.7	21.6	22.1	+ 0.5	- 1.8
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.5	14.4	13.7	+ 0.7	+ 5.8
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.8	6.8	7.0	0	- 2.9
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	13.9	13.8	14.5	+ 0.7	- 4.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.6	50.5	51.6	+ 0.2	- 1.9

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

October, 1985

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	October 1985 (Thous.)	September* 1985 (Thous.)	October 1984 (Thous.)	September 1985	October 1984
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.0	89.3	91.8	+ 0.8	- 2.0
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	29.3	29.1	30.1	+ 0.7	- 2.7
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	39.6	39.4	41.2	+ 0.5	- 3.9
Paper & Allied Products	22.1	22.2	22.1	- 0.5	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.3	10.4	10.8	- 1.0	- 4.6
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.6	7.5	7.5	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Printing & Publishing	24.8	24.8	24.5	0	+ 1.2
Newspapers	9.5	9.4	9.2	+ 1.1	+ 3.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.3	36.4	37.9	- 0.3	- 4.2
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.8	12.7	13.2	+ 0.8	- 3.0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.1	29.2	29.9	- 0.3	- 2.7
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
NONMANUFACTURING	1,351.5	1,833.3	1,785.0	+ 1.0	+ 3.7
MINING	4.7	4.8	4.7	- 2.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	153.5	151.8	142.5	+ 1.1	+ 7.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	131.6	131.4	130.2	+ 0.2	+ 1.1
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	72.7	72.3	70.9	+ 0.6	+ 2.5
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.2	54.2	54.1	0	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	585.6	579.9	566.4	+ 1.0	+ 3.4
Wholesale Trade	135.7	135.0	135.9	+ 0.5	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade—Durable Goods	79.5	79.7	78.6	- 0.3	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade—Nondurable Goods	56.2	55.4	57.3	+ 1.4	- 1.9
Retail Trade	449.9	444.9	430.5	+ 1.1	+ 4.5
General Merchandise Stores	58.0	56.7	56.3	+ 2.3	+ 3.0
Food Stores	67.9	67.4	67.5	+ 0.7	+ 0.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	111.5	111.0	106.1	+ 0.5	+ 5.1
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	429.0	426.3	407.2	+ 0.6	+ 5.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.8	25.8	24.8	0	+ 4.0
Personal Services	27.4	27.3	25.9	+ 0.4	+ 5.8
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.2	11.2	10.9	0	+ 2.8
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	435.5	428.1	427.9	+ 1.7	+ 1.8
Federal	51.7	51.6	50.1	+ 0.2	+ 3.2
State	127.2	123.3	126.3	+ 3.2	+ 0.7
Education	66.8	62.8	64.9	+ 6.4	+ 2.9
Other	60.4	60.5	61.4	- 0.2	- 1.6
Local	256.6	253.1	251.5	+ 1.4	+ 2.0
Education	140.7	137.5	137.8	+ 2.3	+ 2.1
Other	115.9	115.6	113.7	+ 0.3	+ 1.9

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

* Revised.

** Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

October, 1985

Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	October 1985 (thous)	September* 1985 (thous)	October 1984 (thous)	September 1985	October 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,637.3	2,623.4	2,585.3	+ 0.5	+ 2.0
MANUFACTURING	809.4	807.0	822.9	+ 0.3	- 1.6
DURABLE GOODS	326.9	326.6	331.6	+ 0.1	- 1.4
Lumber & Wood Products	35.5	35.4	36.3	+ 0.3	- 2.2
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.6	12.7	13.1	- 0.8	- 3.8
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.5	8.5	9.0	0	- 5.6
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.8	4.8	4.2	0	+14.3
Furniture & Fixtures	82.7	82.6	83.3	+ 0.1	- 0.7
Household Furniture	72.7	72.4	73.6	+ 0.4	- 1.2
Wood Household Furniture	35.6	35.3	37.0	+ 0.8	- 3.8
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.6	31.5	31.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.8	18.5	18.8	+ 1.6	0
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.6	2.5	+ 3.8	+ 8.0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.5	5.4	5.3	+ 1.9	+ 3.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.2	11.2	11.2	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	26.4	26.5	26.3	- 0.4	+ 0.4
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.5	8.5	8.5	0	0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	53.7	54.0	55.6	- 0.6	- 3.4
Special Industry Machinery	7.1	7.2	7.6	- 1.4	- 6.6
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.3	62.0	63.4	+ 0.5	- 1.7
Household Appliances	4.7	4.5	5.6	+ 4.4	-16.1
Transportation Equipment	21.9	21.7	21.1	+ 0.9	+ 3.8
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.4	14.7	15.6	- 2.0	- 7.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	482.5	480.4	491.3	+ 0.4	- 1.8
Food & Kindred Products	45.8	46.2	44.5	- 0.9	+ 2.9
Meat Products	19.5	19.5	18.5	0	+ 5.4
Meat Packing Plants	2.4	2.7	2.6	-11.1	- 7.7
Dairy Products	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	8.1	8.1	8.1	0	0
Beverages	6.5	6.6	6.3	- 1.5	+ 3.2
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.9	24.4	24.6	- 2.0	- 2.8
Cigarettes	20.2	20.3	20.3	- 0.5	- 0.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.3	4.0	4.7	+ 7.5	- 8.5
Textile Mill Products	204.8	204.5	212.1	+ 0.1	- 3.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	51.9	51.7	58.7	+ 0.4	-11.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.7	26.7	29.4	0	- 9.2
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.7	24.5	28.7	+ 0.8	-13.9
Knitting Mills	76.5	76.4	75.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.9
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.9	23.2	21.9	- 1.3	+ 4.6
Hosiery, NEC	21.7	21.5	22.1	+ 0.9	- 1.8
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.6	14.5	13.8	+ 0.7	+ 5.8
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.8	6.7	7.0	+ 1.5	- 2.9
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	13.7	13.8	14.3	- 0.7	- 4.2
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.1	50.3	51.5	- 0.4	- 2.7

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL
INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/
October, 1985
Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	October 1985 (thous)	September* 1985 (thous)	October 1984 (thous)	September 1985	October 1984
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.9	88.3	90.9	+ 2.9	0
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	29.1	28.7	29.9	+ 1.4	- 2.7
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	39.4	39.2	41.0	+ 0.5	- 3.9
Paper & Allied Products	22.1	22.1	22.1	0	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.3	10.3	10.8	0	- 4.6
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.6	7.6	7.5	0	+ 1.3
Printing & Publishing	24.9	25.1	24.6	- 0.8	+ 1.2
Newspapers	9.5	9.5	9.2	0	+ 3.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.6	36.5	38.2	+ 0.3	- 4.2
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.0	12.9	13.4	+ 0.8	- 3.0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.0	28.8	29.8	+ 0.7	- 2.7
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
NONMANUFACTURING	1,827.9	1,816.4	1,762.4	+ 0.6	+ 3.7
MINING	4.7	4.8	4.7	- 2.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	150.3	147.2	139.6	+ 2.1	+ 7.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	131.1	131.0	129.7	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	71.8	71.9	70.1	- 0.1	+ 2.4
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.3	54.4	54.2	- 0.2	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	577.6	574.2	558.5	+ 0.6	+ 3.4
Wholesale Trade	132.2	132.0	132.3	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade—Durable Goods	79.5	79.8	78.6	- 0.4	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade—Nondurable Goods	52.7	52.2	53.7	+ 1.0	- 1.9
Retail Trade	445.4	442.2	426.2	+ 0.7	+ 4.5
General Merchandise Stores	57.8	57.4	56.1	+ 0.7	+ 3.0
Food Stores	67.2	66.7	66.8	+ 0.7	+ 0.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	111.5	110.7	106.1	+ 0.7	+ 5.1
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	426.4	422.1	404.8	+ 1.0	+ 5.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.2	24.7	24.2	+ 2.0	+ 4.1
Personal Services	27.9	27.8	26.3	+ 0.4	+ 6.1
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.1	11.2	10.8	- 0.9	+ 2.8
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	426.3	426.4	419.0	- 0.02	+ 1.7
Federal	52.1	51.9	50.5	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
State	123.3	125.0	122.5	- 1.4	+ 0.7
Education	62.5	64.0	60.7	- 2.3	+ 3.0
Other	60.8	61.0	61.8	- 0.3	- 1.6
Local	250.9	249.5	246.0	+ 0.6	+ 2.0
Education	133.6	133.1	130.9	+ 0.4	+ 2.1
Other	117.3	116.4	115.1	+ 0.8	+ 1.9

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

* Revised.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

October, 1985

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	October 1985	September * 1985	October 1984	September 1985	October 1984
MANUFACTURING	645.6	644.3	664.9	+ 0.2	- 2.9
DURABLE GOODS	247.6	246.9	255.6	+ 0.3	- 3.1
Lumber & Wood Products	31.0	30.9	32.0	+ 0.3	- 3.1
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.5	7.6	8.0	- 1.3	- 6.2
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.0	3.9	3.6	+ 2.6	+ 11.1
Furniture & Fixtures	73.3	72.9	74.8	+ 0.5	- 2.0
Household Furniture	64.8	64.4	66.5	+ 0.6	- 2.6
Wood Household Furniture	32.8	32.7	34.4	+ 0.3	- 4.7
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.5	15.4	15.8	+ 0.6	- 1.9
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 4.8
Primary Metal Industries	8.4	8.4	8.4	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	20.2	20.2	19.8	0	+ 2.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	26.5	26.7	28.2	- 0.7	- 6.0
Special Industry Machinery	4.8	4.9	5.2	- 2.0	- 7.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	44.2	43.9	47.3	+ 0.7	- 6.6
Household Appliances	4.6	4.3	5.6	+ 7.0	- 17.9
Transportation Equipment	17.5	17.5	17.1	0	+ 2.3
NONDURABLE GOODS	398.0	397.4	409.3	+ 0.2	- 2.8
Food & Kindred Products	32.6	32.8	31.4	- 0.6	+ 3.8
Meat Products	17.3	17.4	16.3	- 0.6	+ 6.1
Meat Packing	1.7	1.9	1.9	- 10.5	- 10.5
Dairy Products	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 7.7
~~Grai~~n Mill Products	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 5.9
Bakery Products	4.5	4.5	4.6	0	- 2.2
Beverages	2.5	2.6	2.4	- 3.8	+ 4.2
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.7	21.6	22.8	+ 0.5	- 4.8
Cigarettes	15.6	15.8	15.8	- 1.3	- 1.3
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.7	5.4	6.6	+ 5.6	- 13.6
Textile Mill Products	182.1	181.9	188.9	+ 0.1	- 3.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	45.8	45.8	52.1	0	- 12.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	23.3	23.3	26.0	0	- 10.4
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	22.0	22.0	25.6	0	- 14.1
Knitting Mills	68.1	68.3	66.6	- 0.3	+ 2.3
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	20.7	21.0	19.9	- 1.4	+ 4.0
Hosiery, NEC	19.8	19.7	20.2	+ 0.5	- 2.0
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	12.4	12.3	11.6	+ 0.8	+ 6.9
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.9	5.9	6.1	0	- 3.3
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	11.7	11.6	12.1	+ 0.9	- 3.3
Yarn & Thread Mills	46.1	46.0	47.2	+ 0.2	- 2.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	78.5	78.0	81.2	+ 0.6	- 3.3
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	25.4	25.3	27.2	+ 0.4	- 6.6
Women's & Children's Garments	34.5	34.3	35.9	+ 0.6	- 3.9
Paper & Allied Products	16.8	16.8	16.7	0	+ 0.6
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.5	7.7	8.0	- 2.6	- 6.2
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.8	5.7	5.6	+ 1.8	+ 3.6
Printing & Publishing	15.3	15.3	15.3	0	0
Newspapers	3.6	3.5	3.5	+ 2.9	+ 2.9
Chemicals & Allied Products	23.4	23.3	24.8	+ 0.4	- 5.6
Plastic Materials & Synthetics	9.0	8.8	9.1	+ 2.3	- 1.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	23.8	24.0	24.5	- 0.8	- 2.9
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.8	3.7	3.7	+ 2.7	+ 2.7

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products."

* Revised.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

OCTOBER, 1985

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	October 1985	September 1985	October 1984	October 1985	September 1985	October 1984	October 1985	September 1985	October 1984
MANUFACTURING	$295.73	$293.93	$281.78	40.4	40.1	39.8	$ 7.32	$ 7.33	$ 7.08
DURABLE GOODS	308.73	306.88	299.62	41.0	40.7	41.1	7.53	7.54	7.29
Lumber & Wood Products	257.00	261.40	244.20	40.6	41.1	40.7	6.33	6.36	6.00
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	250.92	249.69	235.42	41.0	41.0	40.8	6.12	6.09	5.77
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	292.32	287.34	277.29	41.7	40.7	39.5	7.01	7.06	7.02
Furniture & Fixtures	268.00	262.52	251.54	40.0	39.3	39.8	6.70	6.68	6.32
Household Furniture	266.40	262.01	251.14	40.0	39.4	39.8	6.66	6.65	6.31
Wood Household Furniture	255.73	251.93	241.79	40.4	39.8	39.9	6.33	6.33	6.06
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	327.54	336.76	330.33	41.2	42.2	42.9	7.95	7.98	7.70
Structural Clay Products	252.06	285.71	275.10	38.6	42.9	44.3	6.53	6.66	6.21
Primary Metal Industries	369.78	365.49	344.92	42.7	42.4	42.9	8.66	8.62	8.04
Fabricated Metal Products	326.63	325.14	331.27	42.2	41.9	42.2	7.74	7.76	7.85
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	346.10	355.32	357.83	41.8	42.3	42.7	8.28	8.40	8.38
Special Industry Machinery	318.35	320.31	308.25	40.4	40.7	40.4	7.88	7.87	7.63
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	340.66	335.20	338.25	40.7	40.0	41.2	8.37	8.38	8.21
Household Appliances	286.81	282.63	270.85	43.0	41.2	41.1	6.67	6.86	6.59
Transportation Equipment	359.07	354.90	338.44	42.9	42.0	42.2	8.37	8.45	8.02
NONDURABLE GOODS	288.32	285.44	270.66	40.1	39.7	39.0	7.19	7.19	6.94
Food & Kindred Products	265.51	272.41	250.11	41.1	41.4	39.7	6.46	6.58	6.30
Meat Products	220.09	223.44	201.75	39.8	39.9	37.5	5.53	5.60	5.38
Meat Packing	276.04	354.57	323.57	41.2	44.6	42.8	6.70	7.95	7.56
Dairy Products	287.54	303.74	258.58	43.5	45.2	42.6	6.61	6.72	6.07
Grain Mill Products	305.90	307.82	302.93	43.7	44.1	43.4	7.00	6.98	6.98
Bakery Products	296.84	308.37	281.11	41.4	42.3	40.8	7.17	7.29	6.89
Beverages	490.91	495.38	464.95	43.1	43.8	42.5	11.39	11.31	10.94
Tobacco Manufacturers	457.34	444.46	403.06	38.4	37.1	39.4	11.91	11.98	10.23
Cigarettes	545.40	525.69	506.40	36.0	35.4	37.4	15.15	14.85	13.54
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	222.61	217.46	203.51	44.7	41.9	43.3	4.98	5.19	4.70
Textile Mill Products	262.60	259.20	241.40	40.4	40.0	38.5	6.50	6.48	6.27
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	297.25	294.76	278.47	41.0	40.6	40.3	7.25	7.26	6.91
Weaving Mills, Cotton	303.62	299.60	276.69	40.7	40.0	40.1	7.46	7.49	6.90
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	289.93	288.81	279.86	41.3	41.2	40.5	7.02	7.01	6.91
Knitting Mills	231.72	227.78	214.97	38.3	37.9	37.0	6.05	6.01	5.81
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	203.90	210.24	198.39	35.4	36.5	35.3	5.76	5.76	5.62
Hosiery, NEC	231.55	226.42	207.92	38.4	37.8	36.8	6.03	5.99	5.65
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	249.10	249.48	233.63	38.8	38.5	37.5	6.42	6.48	6.23
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	313.02	275.85	262.20	47.0	42.9	40.4	6.66	6.43	6.49
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	287.05	284.34	254.66	42.4	42.0	39.3	6.77	6.77	6.48
Yarn & Thread Mills	264.60	261.25	225.22	42.0	41.6	37.6	6.30	6.28	5.99
Apparel & Other Textile Products	194.02	193.88	185.37	37.6	37.5	37.0	5.16	5.17	5.01
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	188.32	190.08	177.61	35.6	36.0	35.1	5.29	5.28	5.06
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	182.85	183.00	178.56	37.7	37.5	37.2	4.85	4.88	4.80
Paper & Allied Products	501.52	497.93	505.35	44.5	44.3	45.0	11.27	11.24	11.23
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	647.01	637.37	672.59	44.9	45.3	47.6	14.41	14.07	14.13
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	368.47	370.35	331.25	45.1	45.0	43.3	8.17	8.23	7.65
Printing & Publishing	332.42	329.87	309.27	39.2	38.9	39.0	8.48	8.48	7.93
Newspapers	277.70	277.26	279.20	34.2	34.4	34.3	8.12	8.06	8.14
Chemicals & Allied Products	407.26	403.10	382.44	41.6	41.6	41.3	9.79	9.69	9.26
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	444.58	442.47	443.98	42.1	42.1	43.4	10.56	10.51	10.23
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	381.06	373.01	370.71	41.6	40.9	41.7	9.16	9.12	8.89
MINING	400.00	411.00	368.61	48.9	50.0	46.6	8.18	8.22	7.91
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	486.78	487.62	458.58	42.7	42.0	41.5	11.40	11.61	11.05
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	196.67	197.88	192.40	32.4	32.6	32.5	6.07	6.07	5.92
Wholesale Trade	300.27	297.96	293.92	39.2	39.0	39.4	7.66	7.64	7.46
Retail Trade	168.06	170.63	164.63	30.5	30.8	30.6	5.51	5.54	5.38
General Merchandise Stores	160.40	162.35	146.41	28.9	29.2	29.4	5.55	5.56	4.98
Food Stores	183.22	188.52	190.89	32.2	32.9	32.3	5.69	5.73	5.91
SERVICES. Hotels & Other Lodging Places	141.96	140.45	137.41	31.2	30.8	31.3	4.55	4.56	4.39
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	200.02	194.92	196.79	36.7	35.7	37.2	5.45	5.46	5.29

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

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STATE LABOR SUMMARY

NOVEMBER, 1985

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NORTH CAROLINA
STATE LABOR SUMMARY
November, 1985

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO GROW: Total employment (not seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 3,043,300 as of mid-November, 1985, a good net monthly gain of 5,800 workers (+0.2 percent). The seasonally adjusted total employment for North Carolina was estimated to be 3,060,000 for the same period, a slight net over-the-month increase of 1,000 people.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT FALLS SLIGHTLY: North Carolina's manufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 814,000 as of the middle of November, 1985, a small net over-the-month decline of 1,000 people (-0.1). The durable goods segment remained constant over the month with little activity among its industry groups. The one bright spot was furniture and fixtures, which grew by 500 persons (+0.6 percent). Most of that gain occurred in household furniture (+400). That growth, however, was offset by the loss of 500 workers (-0.8 percent) in electrical machinery. The nondurable goods segment fell by 1,000 people (-0.2 percent) from October to November, 1985, with most of its industry groups either losing employees or staying the same. Tobacco manufacturing fell by 1,400 persons (-5.1 percent) due to the anticipated seasonal reduction of 1,400 stemming and redrying workers. That loss was partially offset by the addition of 500 workers (+0.6 percent) to apparel and related products as men's and boys' clothing advanced by 200 and women and children's garments rose by 300.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT INCREASES OVER THE MONTH: Statewide nonmanufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 1,856,100 as of mid-November, 1985, a significant net over-the-month increase of 6,100 workers (+0.3 percent). Two of the industry groups were primarily responsible for that growth. Total trade jumped by 3,600 persons (+0.6 percent) with retailing itself surging ahead by 5,200 due to the holiday selling season. Total government employment rose by 3,100 people (+0.7 percent) over the month as each of its sectors exhibited growth: federal (+100); state (+1,800); and local (+1,200).

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT SUSTAINS NOTICEABLE INCREASE: North Carolina's total unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 153,300 in mid-November, 1985, a net over-the-month rise of 5,600 persons (+3.8 percent). As a result, the unadjusted rate of unemployment rose from 4.6 percent in October to 4.8 percent in November. The State's seasonally adjusted total unemployment was estimated to be 147,000 as of the middle of November, a net monthly increase of 7,000 people (+5.0 percent), and the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment edged upward from 4.4 percent to 4.6 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation was 6.7 percent in November, 1985, and 6.8 percent in October, 1985. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 7.0 percent in November and 7.1 percent in October. Following the "Statewide Job Openings" table are graphs showing a comparison of North Carolina and United States unemployment rates and Statewide (adjusted and unadjusted) monthly rates, January-November 1985, and quarterly average unemployment rates for the State for the first three quarters of 1985.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force 1/

	November, 1985	October, 1985
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)		
Civilian Labor Force	3,196,600	3,185,200
Employment	3,043,300	3,037,500
Unemployment	153,300	147,700
Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.6
(Seasonally Adjusted)		
Civilian Labor Force	3,207,000	3,199,000
Employment	3,060,000	3,059,000
Unemployment	147,000	140,000
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.4
National Rate (Unadjusted)	6.7	6.8
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.0	7.1

1/ Data prior to January, 1985, for North Carolina, are not comparable due to a significant change in the procedure for deriving monthly labor force estimates.

BOTH AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS RISE: The average hourly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees was $7.36 in mid-November, 1985, a modest net over-the-month gain of 3¢ an hour (+0.4 percent) plus a net yearly increase of 21¢ an hour (+2.9 percent). Workers in the durable goods segment saw 2¢ an hour increase (+0.3 percent) over the month and an over-the-year rise of 26¢ an hour (+3.6 percent). The average hourly earnings reached $7.56 in November. The durable goods industry group workers who experienced the largest net monthly increase where those in transportation equipment, up by 12¢ an hour (+1.4 percent) to arrive at $8.44 in November. Lumber and wood products employees experienced a rise of 6¢ an hour (+0.9 percent) to a level of $6.43. Production workers in the nondurable goods segment experienced a net monthly gain of 3¢ an hour (+0.4 percent) reaching $7.23 in November, 1985, which amounted to a net yearly increase of 19¢ an hour (+2.7 percent). Tobacco manufacturing workers led the way in nondurable goods receiving a net over-the-month increase of 96¢ an hour (+8.1 percent) to climb to $12.78. Average hourly earnings of workers in food and kindred products was up by 11¢ an hour (+1.7 percent) to hit $6.63 in November, 1985. From the middle of October to the middle of November, 1985, the average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers grew by $2.69 (0.9 percent) to $298.82, a yearly gain of $14.25 (+5.0 percent). Average weekly hours stood at 40.6 in November, 1985, up by 0.2 an hour over the month and by 0.8 of an hour over the year.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS FALLS OVER THE MONTH: As of November 30, 1985, there were 186,957 active job applicants registered for work with the local Job Service offices across the State, a noticeable net over-the-month decline of 5,264 people (-2.7 percent). The largest applicant sector by age was once again the twenty-two to thirty-nine segment which had 117,156 or 62.7 percent of the total. Next came the forty to fifty-four segment with 32,380 or 17.3 percent. As expected, the fifty-five and over sector had the fewest active applicants with 10,047 or just 5.4 percent of the total. Females comprised the majority of the active applicants with a count of 98,422 or 52.6 percent of the total. The largest ethnic group was white, not Hispanic, which had 102,690 or 55.0 percent of the total. The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's active applicant file at the end of November, 1985.

Statewide Active Applicant File
November 30, 1985

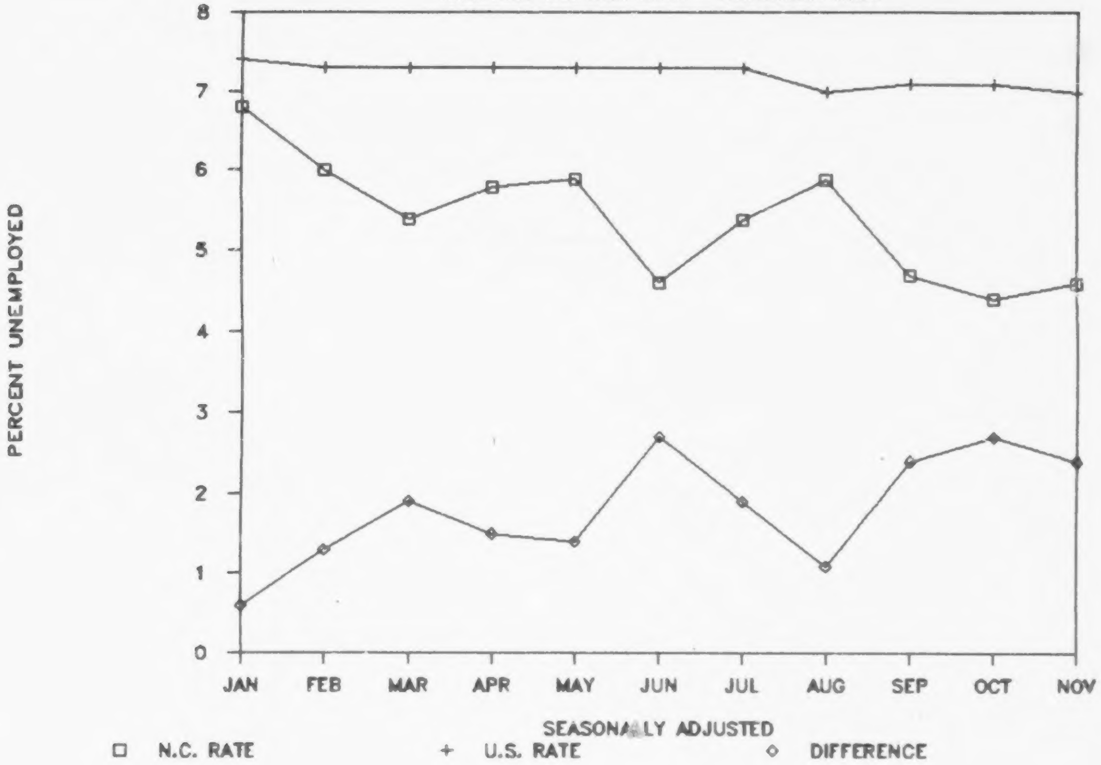
	Number	Percent
Total	186,957	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	27,374	14.6
22 - 39	117,156	62.7
40 - 54	32,380	17.3
55 and Over	10,047	5.4
Sex		
Male	88,535	47.4
Female	98,422	52.6
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	102,690	55.0
Black, not Hispanic	79,321	42.4
Hispanic	1,179	0.6
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,857	1.5
Other Races and Undetermined	910	0.5
Eligible Claimant	78,046	41.7
Veteran	34,315	18.4
Handicapped	12,865	6.9
Seasonal Farmworker	2,819	1.5
Welfare	27,309	14.6

THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS DECREASES IN NOVEMBER: During the month of November, 1985, there were 17,187 job openings received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina, a net monthly drop of 6,091 (-26.2 percent). About three-quarters of those openings was filled (12,914). Job openings in structural work led the way with 3,452 being received in November with a little more than half being filled (1,812 or 52.5 percent). The service category job opening was second with 2,689 received and 2,037 or 75.8 percent filled. Openings received for miscellaneous segment numbered 2,432 in November, and 2,260 or 92.9 percent were filled. The processing sector recorded the fewest job openings in November, only 607; however, all of them were filled. There were 128,144 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the State from July 1, 1985, through November 30, 1985. Most of those openings were filled (104,896 or 81.9 percent). There were 15,729 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file at the end of November, 1985. The majority of those job openings (10,355 or 65.8 percent) had been classified as hard-to-fill because they had been on file for thirty days or more. The next table gives more data on Statewide job openings for November, 1985, and for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1985, through November 30,
1985).

Statewide Job Openings Data

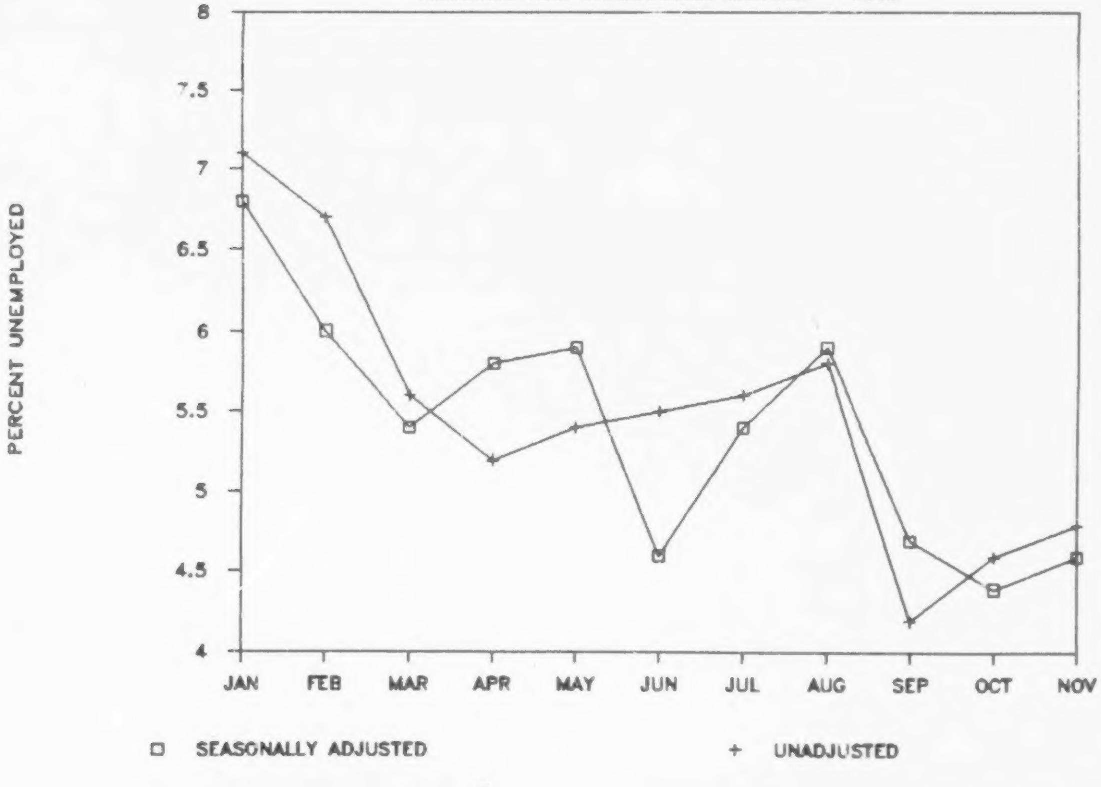
	November, 1985		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of Aug. 31, 1985	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., & Mgr.	667	329	4,772	2,580	1,454	1,071
Clerical	2,138	1,440	13,570	9,481	2,126	1,329
Sales	730	538	4,637	2,826	1,023	786
Service	2,689	2,037	19,520	15,049	3,190	2,312
Domestic	205	177	1,332	1,098	121	92
Other Services	2,484	1,860	18,188	13,951	3,069	2,220
Farm., Fish., & Forest.	1,288	1,178	26,904	26,822	209	185
Processing	607	633	5,327	5,022	155	80
Machine Trades	1,282	1,050	8,042	5,956	1,476	1,075
Bench Work	1,902	1,637	10,306	9,269	1,254	810
Structural Work	3,452	1,812	17,873	13,203	3,442	1,729
Miscellaneous	2,432	2,260	17,193	14,688	1,400	978
Motor Freight & Transp.	420	294	2,739	1,804	465	314
Pkg. & Mat. Hand.	1,941	1,918	14,033	12,578	870	628
Other	71	48	421	306	65	36
Total	17,187	12,914	128,144	104,896	15,729	10,355

1/ July 1, 1985, through November 30, 1985.



A COMPARISON: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

N.C. AND THE U.S. JAN. – NOVEMBER 1985



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NORTH CAROLINA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
Quarterly Averages
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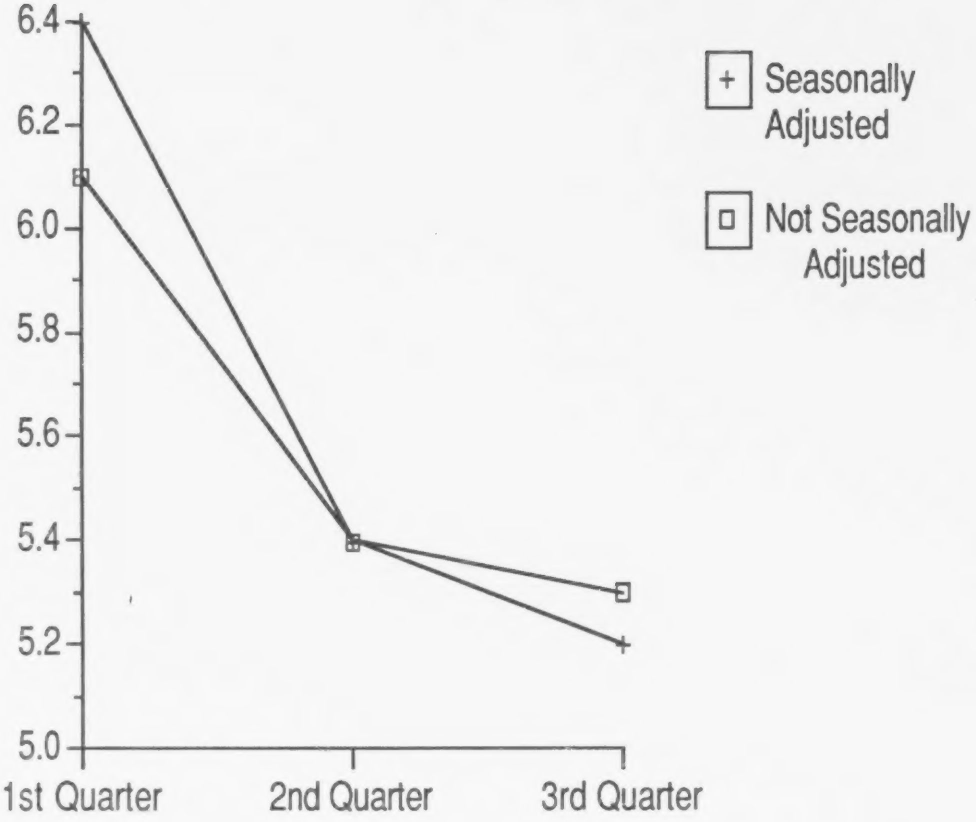

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

November, 1985

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Nov. 1985 (thous)	Oct.* 1985 (thous)	Nov. 1984 (thous)	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,670.1	2,665.0	2,621.5	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
MANUFACTURING	814.0	815.0	828.0	- 0.1	- 1.7
DURABLE GOODS	329.0	329.0	334.5	0	- 1.6
Lumber & Wood Products	35.9	36.0	36.8	- 0.3	- 2.4
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.5	12.7	13.2	- 1.6	- 5.3
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.6	8.6	9.0	0	- 4.4
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.1	5.0	4.4	+ 2.0	+15.9
Furniture & Fixtures	83.7	83.2	85.0	+ 0.6	- 1.5
Household Furniture	73.4	73.0	74.9	+ 0.5	- 2.0
Wood Household Furniture	36.1	36.0	37.6	+ 0.3	- 4.0
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.8	31.6	31.3	+ 0.6	+ 1.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.9	19.0	19.0	- 0.5	- 0.5
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.8	2.5	- 3.6	+ 8.0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.5	5.5	5.4	0	+ 1.9
Primary Metal Industries	11.2	11.2	11.3	0	- 0.9
Fabricated Metal Products	26.9	26.8	26.9	+ 0.4	0
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.6	8.6	8.7	0	- 1.1
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	53.7	53.7	55.1	0	- 2.5
Special Industry Machinery	7.2	7.1	7.5	+ 1.4	- 4.0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.2	62.7	64.1	- 0.8	- 3.0
Household Appliances	5.4	5.3	6.1	+ 1.9	-11.5
Transportation Equipment	21.8	21.8	20.8	0	+ 4.8
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.6	14.6	15.5	0	- 5.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	485.0	486.0	493.5	- 0.2	- 1.7
Food & Kindred Products	46.8	46.6	44.8	+ 0.4	+ 4.5
Meat Products	19.9	19.5	18.4	+ 2.1	+ 8.2
Meat Packing Plants	2.7	2.4	2.6	+12.5	+ 3.8
Dairy Products	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	8.1	8.1	8.1	0	0
Beverages	6.5	6.5	6.2	0	+ 4.8
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.8	27.2	25.5	- 5.1	+ 1.2
Cigarettes	19.9	19.8	20.0	+ 0.5	- 0.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.6	7.0	5.1	-20.0	+ 9.8
Textile Mill Products	205.5	205.6	213.0	**	- 3.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	51.9	51.8	58.7	+ 0.2	-11.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.4	26.5	29.5	- 0.4	-10.5
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.8	24.6	28.4	+ 0.8	-12.7
Knitting Mills	76.3	76.8	75.1	- 0.7	+ 1.6
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.9	23.0	22.0	- 0.4	+ 4.1
Hosiery, NEC	21.6	21.7	21.9	- 0.5	- 1.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.4	14.5	13.6	- 0.7	+ 5.9
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.7	6.8	6.9	- 1.5	- 2.9
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.3	14.0	14.5	+ 2.1	- 1.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.6	50.6	51.8	0	- 2.3

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

November, 1985

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT Nov. 1985 (thous)	Oct.* 1985 (thous)	Nov. 1984 (thous)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.2	89.7	91.5	+ 0.6	- 1.4
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	29.2	29.0	29.9	+ 0.7	- 2.3
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	39.9	39.6	40.8	+ 0.8	- 2.2
Paper & Allied Products	22.3	22.2	22.2	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.3	10.3	10.8	0	- 4.6
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.6	7.6	7.4	0	+ 2.7
Printing & Publishing	25.0	24.8	24.7	+ 0.8	+ 1.2
Newspapers	9.6	9.5	9.3	+ 1.1	+ 3.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.1	36.4	37.4	- 0.8	- 3.5
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.5	12.8	12.9	- 2.3	- 3.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.1	29.1	30.0	0	- 3.0
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.4	4.4	4.4	0	0
NONMANUFACTURING	1,856.1	1,850.0	1,793.5	+ 0.3	+ 3.5
MINING	4.6	4.7	4.7	- 2.1	- 2.1
CONSTRUCTION	153.7	153.4	142.5	+ 0.2	+ 7.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	131.4	131.8	129.8	- 0.3	+ 1.2
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	72.3	72.6	70.5	- 0.4	+ 2.6
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.1	54.3	54.1	- 0.4	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	585.5	581.9	569.3	+ 0.6	+ 2.8
Wholesale Trade	134.0	135.7	133.2	- 1.3	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	80.0	79.7	79.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	54.0	56.0	54.1	- 3.6	- 0.2
Retail Trade	451.4	446.2	436.1	+ 1.2	+ 3.5
General Merchandise Stores	61.2	57.9	60.5	+ 5.7	+ 1.2
Food Stores	68.2	67.8	67.0	+ 0.6	+ 1.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	112.0	111.6	106.1	+ 0.4	+ 5.6
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	428.5	429.3	407.2	- 0.2	+ 5.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.1	25.7	24.0	- 2.3	+ 4.6
Personal Services	27.7	27.4	26.2	+ 1.1	+ 5.7
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.2	11.2	10.9	0	+ 2.8
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	440.5	437.4	433.9	+ 0.7	+ 1.5
Federal	51.9	51.8	50.2	+ 0.2	+ 3.4
State	130.4	128.7	128.9	+ 1.3	+ 1.2
Education	70.8	68.5	67.9	+ 3.4	+ 4.3
Other	59.7	60.1	61.0	- 0.7	- 2.1
Local	258.1	256.9	254.8	+ 0.5	+ 1.3
Education	140.7	140.7	138.4	0	+ 1.7
Other	117.4	116.2	116.4	+ 1.0	+ 0.9

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

* Revised.

** Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/
November, 1985
Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	November 1985 (thous)	October* 1985 (thous)	November 1984 (thous)	October 1985	November 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,644.6	2,633.8	2,596.6	+ 0.4	+ 1.8
MANUFACTURING	809.5	807.3	823.4	+ 0.3	- 1.7
DURABLE GOODS	326.8	326.8	332.4	0	- 1.7
Lumber & Wood Products	35.7	35.5	36.6	+ 0.6	- 2.5
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.5	12.6	13.2	- 0.8	- 5.3
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.5	8.5	8.9	0	- 4.5
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.1	4.8	4.4	+ 6.2	+15.9
Furniture & Fixtures	82.7	82.6	84.0	+ 0.1	- 1.5
Household Furniture	72.7	72.6	74.2	+ 0.1	- 2.0
Wood Household Furniture	36.0	35.6	37.5	+ 1.1	- 4.0
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.6	31.6	31.1	0	+ 1.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.7	18.8	18.8	- 0.5	- 0.5
Structural Clay Products	2.6	2.7	2.4	- 3.7	+ 8.3
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.5	5.5	5.4	0	+ 1.9
Primary Metal Industries	11.2	11.2	11.3	0	- 0.9
Fabricated Metal Products	26.6	26.4	26.6	+ 0.8	0
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.5	8.5	8.6	0	- 1.2
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	53.6	53.9	55.0	- 0.6	- 2.5
Special Industry Machinery	7.2	7.1	7.5	+ 1.4	- 4.0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	61.9	62.1	63.8	- 0.3	- 3.0
Household Appliances	5.1	4.8	5.8	+ 6.2	-12.1
Transportation Equipment	21.9	21.9	20.9	0	+ 4.8
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.5	14.4	15.4	+ 0.7	- 5.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	482.7	480.5	491.0	+ 0.5	- 1.7
Food & Kindred Products	46.4	45.8	44.4	+ 1.3	+ 4.5
Meat Products	19.8	19.5	18.3	+ 1.5	+ 8.2
Meat Packing Plants	2.7	2.4	2.6	+ 12.5	+ 3.8
Dairy Products	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	8.1	8.1	8.1	0	0
Beverages	6.6	6.6	6.3	0	+ 4.8
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.3	23.9	24.0	+ 1.7	+ 1.2
Cigarettes	19.8	20.2	19.9	- 2.0	- 0.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.8	4.3	3.5	-11.6	+ 8.6
Textile Mill Products	205.3	204.8	212.8	+ 0.2	- 3.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	51.7	51.8	58.5	- 0.2	-11.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.3	26.7	29.4	- 1.5	-10.5
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.8	24.6	28.4	+ 0.8	-12.7
Knitting Mills	76.5	76.6	75.3	- 0.1	+ 1.6
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.9	23.0	22.0	- 0.4	+ 4.1
Hosiery, NEC	21.6	21.7	21.9	- 0.5	- 1.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.4	14.6	13.6	- 1.4	+ 5.9
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.8	6.8	7.0	0	- 2.9
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.2	13.8	14.4	+ 2.9	- 1.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.5	50.1	51.7	+ 0.8	- 2.3

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

November, 1985
Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	November 1985 (thous)	October* 1985 (thous)	November 1984 (thous)	October 1985	November 1984
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.5	88.8	90.8	+ 0.8	- 1.4
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	28.9	28.8	29.6	+ 0.3	- 2.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	39.7	39.4	40.6	+ 0.8	- 2.2
Paper & Allied Products	22.3	22.2	22.2	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.4	10.3	10.9	+ 1.0	- 4.6
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.6	7.6	7.4	0	+ 2.7
Printing & Publishing	25.0	24.9	24.7	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
Newspapers	9.6	9.5	9.3	+ 1.1	+ 3.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.4	36.7	37.7	- 0.8	- 3.4
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.5	13.0	12.9	- 3.8	- 3.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.1	29.0	30.0	+ 0.3	- 3.0
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.4	4.4	4.4	0	0
NONMANUFACTURING	1,835.1	1,826.5	1,773.2	+ 0.5	+ 3.5
MINING	4.6	4.7	4.7	- 2.1	- 2.1
CONSTRUCTION	151.1	150.2	140.1	+ 0.6	+ 7.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	131.0	131.3	129.4	- 0.2	- 1.2
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	71.8	71.7	70.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.6
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.3	54.4	54.3	- 0.2	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	576.9	574.0	561.0	+ 0.5	+ 2.8
Wholesale Trade	133.0	132.2	132.2	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade—Durable Goods	79.9	79.7	79.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade—Nondurable Goods	53.1	52.5	53.2	+ 1.1	- 0.2
Retail Trade	443.9	441.8	428.8	+ 0.5	+ 3.5
General Merchandise Stores	58.3	57.7	57.6	+ 1.0	+ 1.2
Food Stores	67.9	67.1	66.7	+ 1.2	+ 1.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	112.2	111.6	106.3	+ 0.5	+ 5.6
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	431.1	426.7	409.7	+ 1.0	+ 5.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	26.0	25.1	24.8	+ 3.6	+ 4.8
Personal Services	28.1	27.9	26.6	+ 0.7	+ 5.6
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.1	11.1	10.8	0	+ 2.8
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	428.2	428.0	422.0	**	+ 1.5
Federal	52.4	52.2	50.7	+ 0.4	+ 3.4
State	124.2	124.6	122.9	- 0.3	+ 1.1
Education	63.8	64.1	61.2	- 0.5	+ 4.2
Other	60.4	60.5	61.7	- 0.2	- 2.1
Local	251.6	251.2	248.4	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
Education	132.9	133.6	130.7	- 0.5	+ 1.7
Other	118.7	117.6	117.7	+ 0.9	+ 0.8

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

* Revised.

** Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

November, 1985

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	November 1985	October* 1985	November 1984	October 1985	November 1984
MANUFACTURING	643.9	644.7	662.0	- 0.1	- 2.7
DURABLE GOODS	247.3	247.2	256.0	**	- 3.4
Lumber & Wood Products	30.9	31.0	32.0	- 0.3	- 3.4
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.6	7.5	7.9	+ 1.3	- 3.8
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.0	4.0	3.5	0	+14.3
Furniture & Fixtures	73.7	73.2	75.8	+ 0.7	- 2.8
Household Furniture	65.1	64.8	67.4	+ 0.5	- 3.4
Wood Household Furniture	33.0	32.8	34.7	+ 0.6	- 4.9
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.5	15.5	15.8	0	- 1.9
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+10.0
Primary Metal Industries	8.4	8.4	8.6	0	- 2.3
Fabricated Metal Products	20.3	20.2	20.1	+ 0.5	+ 1.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	26.3	26.3	27.6	0	- 4.7
Special Industry Machinery	4.9	4.8	5.1	+ 2.1	- 3.9
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	43.8	44.1	47.4	- 0.7	- 7.6
Household Appliances	4.8	4.7	5.5	+ 2.1	-12.7
Transportation Equipment	17.5	17.5	16.8	0	+ 4.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	396.6	397.6	406.0	- 0.3	- 2.3
Food & Kindred Products	32.8	32.6	30.8	+ 0.6	+ 6.5
Meat Products	17.6	17.3	16.2	+ 1.7	+ 8.6
Meat Packing	1.9	1.7	1.9	+11.8	0
Dairy Products	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 7.7
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.6	1.6	+ 6.2	+ 6.2
Bakery Products	4.6	4.5	4.6	+ 2.2	0
Beverages	2.6	2.5	2.3	+ 4.0	+13.0
Tobacco Manufacturers	20.4	21.8	20.3	- 6.4	+ 0.5
Cigarettes	15.7	15.6	15.9	+ 0.6	- 1.3
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.4	5.8	4.0	-24.1	+10.0
Textile Mill Products	181.8	181.9	189.1	- 0.1	- 3.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	45.7	45.7	52.1	0	-12.3
Weaving Mills, Cotton	23.2	23.3	26.3	- 0.4	-11.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	22.1	21.9	25.3	+ 0.9	-12.6
Knitting Mills	67.7	68.1	66.4	- 0.6	+ 2.0
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	20.8	20.8	19.9	0	+ 4.5
Hosiery, NEC	19.7	19.8	20.1	- 0.5	- 2.0
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	12.3	12.4	11.5	- 0.8	+ 7.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.8	5.9	6.0	- 1.7	- 3.3
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	11.9	11.7	12.1	+ 1.7	- 1.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	46.1	46.1	47.5	0	- 2.9
Apparel & Other Textile Products	78.8	78.3	80.9	+ 0.6	- 2.6
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	25.4	25.2	27.1	+ 0.8	- 6.3
Women's & Children's Garments	34.8	34.5	35.5	+ 0.9	- 2.0
Paper & Allied Products	16.8	16.8	16.7	0	+ 0.6
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.5	7.5	8.1	0	- 7.4
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.8	5.7	5.6	+ 1.8	+ 3.6
Printing & Publishing	15.3	15.2	15.6	+ 0.7	- 1.9
Newspapers	3.6	3.6	3.7	0	- 2.7
Chemicals & Allied Products	23.1	23.3	24.3	- 0.9	- 4.9
Plastic Materials & Synthetics	8.7	9.0	8.9	- 3.3	- 2.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	23.8	23.8	24.6	0	- 3.3
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products."

* Revised.

** Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

November, 1985

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Nov. 1985	Oct.* 1985	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1985	Oct.* 1985	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1985	Oct.* 1985	Nov. 1984
MANUFACTURING	$298.82	$296.13	$284.57	40.6	40.4	39.8	$ 7.36	$7.33	$7.15
DURABLE GOODS	310.72	308.39	300.76	41.1	40.9	41.2	7.56	7.54	7.30
Lumber & Wood Products	260.42	258.62	242.00	40.5	40.6	40.4	6.43	6.37	5.99
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	253.56	250.10	235.35	40.7	40.8	40.3	6.23	6.13	5.84
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	276.32	294.06	275.22	38.7	41.3	39.6	7.14	7.12	6.95
Furniture & Fixtures	268.53	267.33	251.54	39.9	39.9	39.8	6.73	6.70	6.32
Household Furniture	266.26	266.40	250.74	39.8	40.0	39.8	6.69	6.66	6.30
Wood Household Furniture	258.22	257.18	247.25	40.6	40.5	40.6	6.36	6.35	6.09
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	337.60	329.16	327.85	42.2	41.3	42.8	8.00	7.97	7.66
Structural Clay Products	289.91	260.83	283.13	43.4	39.4	45.3	6.68	6.62	6.25
Primary Metal Industries	362.09	367.64	350.35	42.3	42.6	43.2	8.56	8.63	8.11
Fabricated Metal Products	325.36	323.59	330.79	42.2	41.7	42.3	7.71	7.76	7.82
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	352.79	347.36	362.32	42.2	41.8	43.6	8.36	8.31	8.31
Special Industry Machinery	319.56	314.38	309.46	40.4	40.1	40.4	7.91	7.84	7.66
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	344.86	341.82	344.84	41.3	40.5	41.2	8.35	8.44	8.37
Household Appliances	283.53	295.37	269.18	42.7	43.5	40.6	6.64	6.79	6.63
Transportation Equipment	362.92	361.09	348.19	43.0	43.4	43.2	8.44	8.32	8.06
NONDURABLE GOODS	291.37	289.44	273.86	40.3	40.2	38.9	7.23	7.20	7.04
Food & Kindred Products	264.54	267.97	251.16	39.9	41.1	39.0	6.63	6.52	6.44
Meat Products	221.75	225.27	199.82	38.7	39.8	36.2	5.73	5.66	5.52
Meat Packing	347.15	344.27	342.88	42.7	43.8	44.3	8.13	7.86	7.74
Dairy Products	295.24	288.86	268.46	44.0	43.7	43.3	6.71	6.61	6.20
Grain Mill Products	300.14	307.48	295.75	43.0	43.8	42.8	6.98	7.02	6.91
Bakery Products	300.15	296.53	297.09	41.4	41.3	42.2	7.25	7.18	7.04
Beverages	480.53	483.51	484.54	42.3	42.6	45.2	11.36	11.35	10.72
Tobacco Manufacturers	457.52	457.43	503.00	35.8	38.7	39.7	12.78	11.82	12.67
Cigarettes	539.06	545.40	617.87	36.3	36.0	42.7	14.85	15.15	14.47
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	173.04	227.59	149.08	33.6	45.7	30.3	5.15	4.98	4.92
Textile Mill Products	269.45	263.25	239.51	41.2	40.5	38.2	6.54	6.50	6.27
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	301.91	296.33	270.18	41.7	41.1	39.1	7.24	7.21	6.91
Weaving Mills, Cotton	299.22	297.75	266.73	40.6	40.4	38.6	7.37	7.37	6.91
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	305.02	293.85	273.64	42.9	41.8	39.6	7.11	7.03	6.91
Knitting Mills	236.51	232.32	214.91	38.9	38.4	36.8	6.08	6.05	5.84
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	212.72	206.57	211.84	36.3	35.8	37.1	5.86	5.77	5.71
Hosiery, NEC	231.77	231.55	200.99	38.5	38.4	35.2	6.02	6.03	5.71
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	264.22	251.80	235.60	40.4	39.1	38.0	6.54	6.44	6.20
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	297.04	307.17	266.74	44.6	46.4	41.1	6.66	6.62	6.49
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	294.12	289.68	256.07	43.0	42.6	39.7	6.84	6.80	6.45
Yarn & Thread Mills	272.62	264.60	228.00	43.0	42.0	38.0	6.34	6.30	6.00
Apparel & Other Textile Products	197.98	194.91	184.76	38.0	37.7	37.1	5.21	5.17	4.98
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	196.18	189.38	180.22	36.6	35.8	35.2	5.36	5.29	5.12
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	184.84	133.22	175.75	37.8	37.7	37.0	4.89	4.86	4.75
Paper & Allied Products	509.18	505.34	482.18	45.1	44.8	44.4	11.29	11.28	10.86
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	675.93	656.77	614.71	47.5	45.8	45.5	14.23	14.34	13.51
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	355.40	370.27	341.44	43.5	45.1	44.0	8.17	8.21	7.76
Printing & Publishing	331.11	335.23	320.40	39.0	39.3	39.9	8.49	8.53	8.03
Newspapers	276.89	278.39	280.14	34.1	34.2	34.8	8.12	8.14	8.05
Chemicals & Allied Products	411.60	405.46	384.17	42.0	41.5	41.0	9.80	9.77	9.37
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	452.84	444.58	457.68	42.6	42.1	43.3	10.63	10.56	10.57
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	376.74	381.06	375.42	41.4	41.6	41.9	9.10	9.16	8.96
MINING	387.46	400.16	359.20	47.6	48.8	45.7	8.14	8.20	7.86
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	475.49	488.92	461.73	41.6	42.7	41.3	11.43	11.45	11.18
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	196.10	196.99	193.05	32.2	32.4	32.5	6.09	6.08	5.94
Wholesale Trade	297.97	298.36	298.98	38.9	38.9	39.6	7.66	7.67	7.55
Retail Trade	169.02	168.91	164.63	30.4	30.6	30.6	5.56	5.52	5.38
General Merchandise Stores	159.32	158.42	146.16	28.5	28.7	29.0	5.59	5.52	5.04
Food Stores	187.08	188.24	199.47	32.2	32.4	33.3	5.81	5.81	5.99
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	135.73	141.96	133.29	29.7	31.2	30.5	4.57	4.55	4.37
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	199.11	200.75	193.25	36.4	36.5	36.6	5.47	5.50	5.28

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

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STATE LABOR SUMMARY

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NORTH CAROLINA
STATE LABOR SUMMARY
December, 1985

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT RISES OVER THE MONTH: North Carolina's total employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 3,062,600 in the middle of December, 1985, a strong net over-the-month increase of 19,300 persons (+0.6 percent). The seasonally adjusted total employment in the State was estimated to be 3,081,000 as of mid-December, 1985, a net monthly gain of 21,000 workers (+0.7 percent).

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT GROWS IN DECEMBER: Manufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 815,300 in mid-December, 1985, a modest net monthly increase of 1,400 persons (+0.2 percent). The durable goods sector accounted for more than 85 percent of that gain with a net over-the-month rise of 1,200 workers (+0.4 percent). The "other" durable goods group, which includes instruments and miscellaneous manufacturing, grew by 500 workers (+3.4 percent) over the month to lead the way. The electrical machinery category added 400 people (+0.6 percent) from the middle of November to the middle of December, 1985. The nondurable goods sector exhibited a very slight monthly increase of 200 as seven of its nine industry groups displayed minimal growth. Most of that gain was offset by the loss of 700 workers (-2.7 percent) in tobacco manufacturing as the stemming and redrying section continued its seasonal cutbacks (-900).

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO CLIMB: As of the middle of December, 1985, nonmanufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina was estimated to be 1,865,400, a net monthly increase of 6,000 persons (+0.3 percent). Primarily responsible for that gain was the growth in total trade of 8,800 workers (+1.5 percent) and specifically in retail trade (+9,600) as the holiday selling season peaked. The strong gain in trade, however, was partially offset by a monthly decline of 4,100 (-0.9 percent) in total government as local government (-3,000) and state government (-1,300) registered decreases.

TOTAL UNADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT ENJOYS SIGNIFICANT DROP: Total unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 134,500 as of the middle of December, 1985, a net monthly drop of 18,800 people (-12.3 percent). Consequently, the unadjusted rate of unemployment dropped, falling from 4.8 percent in November to 4.2 percent in December. North Carolina's seasonally adjusted total unemployment was estimated to be 153,000 in mid-December, 1985, a net over-the-month rise of 6,000 persons (+4.1 percent). As a result, the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment rose from 4.6 percent to 4.7 percent. The unadjusted rate of unemployment for the United States stayed at 6.7 percent over the month. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 6.9 percent in December, 1985, and 7.0 percent in November. Following the "Statewide Job Openings" table are graphs which show a comparison of Statewide and National unemployment rates and North Carolina (adjusted and unadjusted) monthly rates, January - December, 1985, and quarterly average unemployment rates for the State for 1985.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force [1]

	December, 1985	November, 1985
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)		
Civilian Labor Force	3,197,100	3,196,600
Employment	3,062,600	3,043,300
Unemployment	134,500	153,300
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.8
(Seasonally Adjusted)		
Civilian Labor Force	3,234,000	3,207,000
Employment	3,081,000	3,060,000
Unemployment	153,000	147,000
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.6
National Rate (Unadjusted)	6.7	6.7
(Seasonally Adjusted)	6.9	7.0

[1] Data prior to January, 1985, for North Carolina, are not comparable due to a significant change in the procedure for deriving monthly labor force estimates.

BOTH AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS INCREASE: As of the middle of December, 1985, the average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers was $7.41, a noticeable net monthly rise of 5¢ an hour (+0.7 percent) as well as a net over-the-year gain of 26¢ an hour (+3.6 percent). Employees in the durable goods sector enjoyed a net monthly increase of 6¢ an hour (+0.8 percent) to $7.65, which was a net yearly gain of 28¢ an hour (+3.8 percent). Primary metal industry employees experienced the largest net over-the-month rise in durable goods, climbing by 26¢ an hour (+3.0 percent) to hit $8.80 in December, 1985. In the fabricated metal industry, production workers enjoyed a net monthly increase of 8¢ an hour (+1.0 percent) to reach $7.86. Nondurable goods sector workers saw a modest net over-the-month rise of 4¢ an hour (+0.6 percent) to $7.26, which was 27¢ an hour (+3.9 percent) above one year ago. Employees in tobacco manufacturing experienced the largest net monthly gain in nondurable goods, up by 26¢ an hour (+2.0 percent) to a level of $13.04 in December of 1985. Chemical workers followed, enjoying the addition of 14¢ an hour (+1.4 percent) over the month to rise to $9.95. The average weekly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees rose by $4.99 (+1.7 percent) to $303.81 from mid-November to mid-December, 1985, while experiencing an over-the-year growth of $16.38 (+5.7 percent). In December, 1985, average weekly hours were 41.0, rising by 0.4 of an hour monthly and by 0.8 of an hour yearly.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS CONTINUES TO DECLINE: There were 174,112 active job applicants registered for work with the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina at the end of December, 1985, a sharp net monthly drop of 12,845 persons (-6.9 percent). The twenty-two to thirty-nine sector was the largest applicant segment by age with 109,168 or 62.7 percent of the total, and the forty to fifty-four sector was a distant second with 30,732 or 17.6 percent. As is usually the case, the fifty-five and over age group had the lowest number of active applicants with 9,520 or only 5.5 percent of the total. Most of the active applicants were females, numbering 89,491 or 51.4 percent of the total. Of the ethnic groups the white, not Hispanic, had the largest number of applicants with 95,266 or 54.7 percent of the total. The next table gives more data from the Statewide active applicant file as of December 31, 1985.

Statewide Active Applicant File
December 31, 1985

	Number	Percent
Total	174,112	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	24,692	14.2
22 - 39	109,168	62.7
40 - 54	30,732	17.6
55 and Over	9,520	5.5
Sex		
Male	84,621	48.6
Female	89,491	51.4
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	95,266	54.7
Black, not Hispanic	74,117	42.5
Hispanic	1,160	0.7
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,711	1.6
Other Races and Undetermined	858	0.5
Eligible Claimant	77,415	44.5
Veteran	34,001	19.5
Handicapped	12,234	7.0
Seasonal Farmworker	2,585	1.5
Welfare	27,173	15.6

THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS FALLS OVER THE MONTH: There were 13,689 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the State in December, 1985, a net over-the-month decrease of 3,498 (-20.4 percent). A high percentage of those openings was filled (84.0 percent or 11,501). The occupational group with the largest number of job openings in December was the miscellaneous sector with 2,581 and 2,330 or 90.3 percent were filled. The service segment followed with 2,377 openings of which 1,873 or 78.8 percent were filled. Openings in the clerical group numbered 1,842 and of these 1,209 or 65.6 percent wre filled. The lowest number of job openings received in December, 1985, was in the professional technical, and managerial sector with 688. Of the openings received only 267 or 38.8 percent were filled. From July 1, 1985, through December 31, 1985, there were 141,833 job openings received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina. The majority of those openings was filled (116,397 or 82.1 percent). As of December 31, 1985, there were 13,218 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file. Most of those openings (8,923 or 67.5 percent) had been on file for thirty days or more and were, therefore, classified as hard-to-fill. The following table provides additional information on North Carolina's job openings for December, 1985, and for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1985, through December 31, 1985.

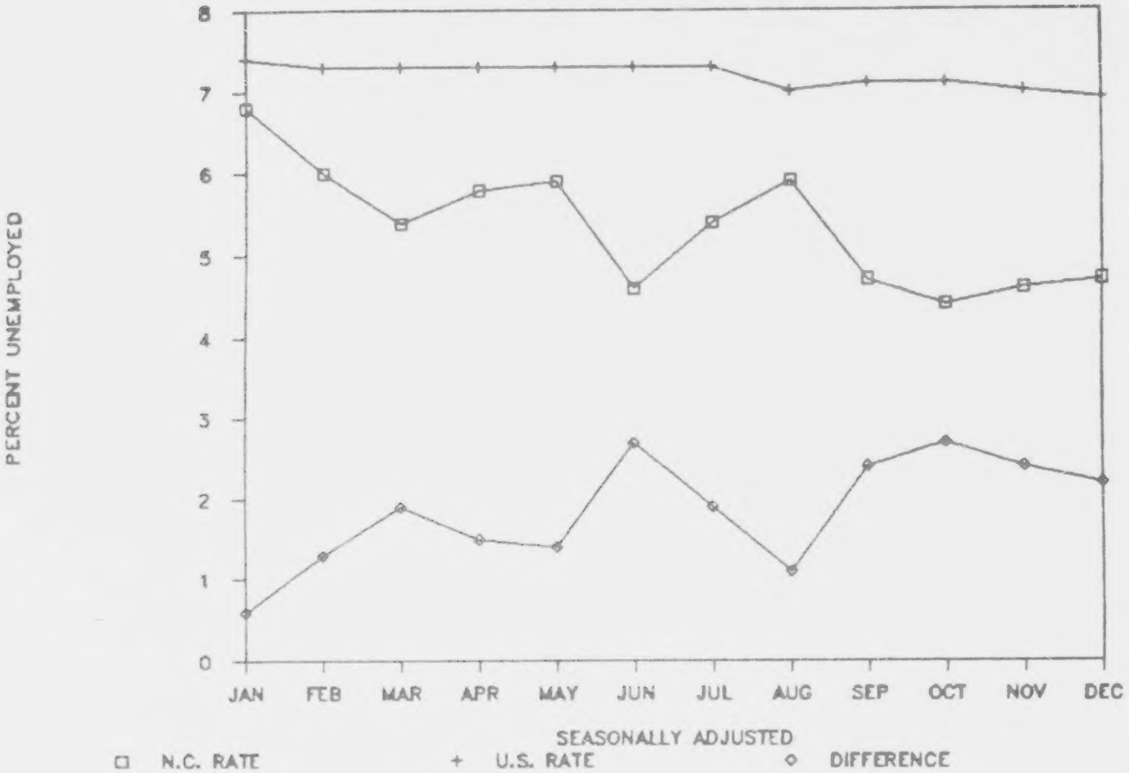
Statewide Job Openings Data

	December, 1985		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of Dec. 31, 1985	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., & Mgr.	688	267	5,460	2,847	1,435	987
Clerical	1,842	1,209	15,412	10,690	1,898	1,118
Sales	717	531	5,354	3,357	771	551
Service	2,377	1,873	21,897	16,922	2,744	1,981
Domestic	228	176	1,560	1,274	126	96
Other Services	2,149	1,697	20,337	15,648	2,618	1,885
Farm., Fish., & Forest.	1,026	930	27,930	27,752	158	103
Processing	725	484	6,052	5,506	360	274
Machine Trades	915	684	8,957	6,640	1,334	985
Bench Work	1,547	1,318	11,853	10,587	1,272	723
Structural Work	1,271	1,875	19,144	15,078	2,016	1,451
Miscellaneous	2,581	2,330	19,774	17,018	1,230	750
Motor Freight & Transp.	458	382	3,197	2,186	352	195
Pkg. & Mat. Hand.	2,066	1,904	16,099	14,482	822	521
Other	57	44	478	350	56	34
Total	13,689	11,501	141,833	116,397	13,218	8,923

1/ July 1, 1985, through December 31, 1985.

A COMPARISON: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

N.C. AND THE U.S. JAN. – DECEMBER 1985



NORTH CAROLINA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

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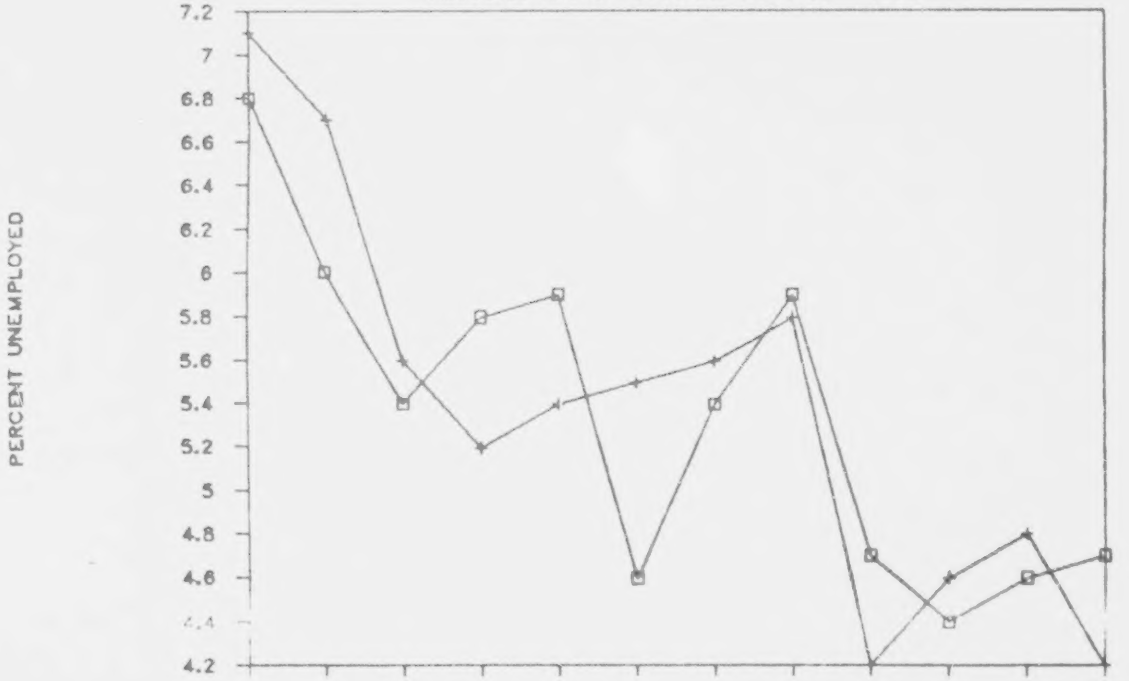

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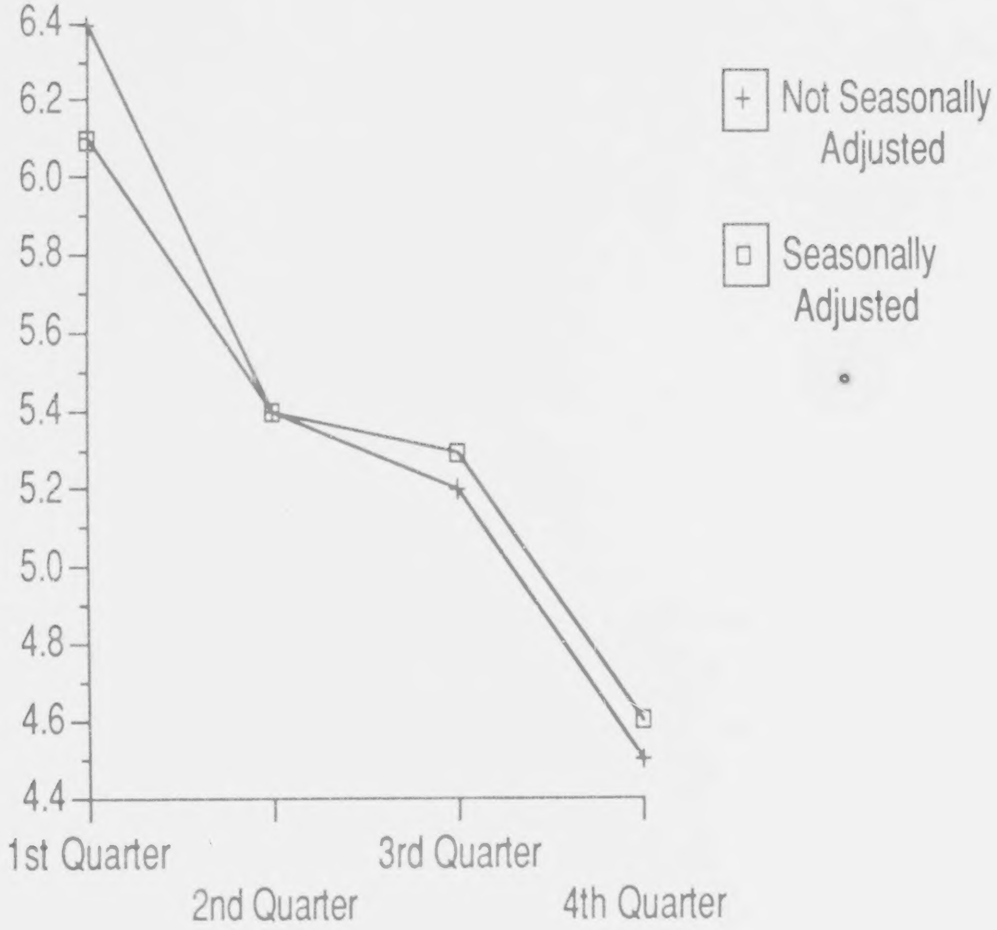

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December, 1985

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Dec. 1985 (Thous)	Nov.* 1985 (Thous)	Dec. 1984 (Thous)	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,680.7	2,673.3	2,618.1	+ 0.3	+ 2.4
MANUFACTURING	815.3	813.9	824.8	+ 0.2	- 1.2
DURABLE GOODS	329.7	328.5	335.4	+ 0.4	- 1.7
Lumber & Wood Products	36.1	36.0	36.7	+ 0.3	- 1.6
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.6	12.5	13.2	+ 0.8	- 4.5
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.6	8.7	9.0	- 1.1	- 4.4
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.1	5.1	4.4	0	+15.9
Furniture & Fixtures	83.7	83.6	84.8	+ 0.1	- 1.3
Household Furniture	73.4	73.3	74.6	+ 0.1	- 1.6
Wood Household Furniture	35.9	36.1	37.1	- 0.6	- 3.2
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.7	31.7	31.4	0	+ 1.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.0	18.9	18.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.6
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.7	2.5	0	+ 8.0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.5	5.5	5.3	0	+ 3.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.1	11.2	11.3	- 0.9	- 1.8
Fabricated Metal Products	27.1	26.9	27.0	+ 0.7	+ 0.4
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.7	8.6	8.5	+ 1.2	+ 2.4
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	53.3	53.7	56.1	- 0.7	- 5.0
Special Industry Machinery	7.1	7.2	7.5	- 1.4	- 5.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.5	62.1	64.4	+ 0.6	- 3.0
Household Appliances	5.1	5.4	6.1	- 5.6	-16.4
Transportation Equipment	21.8	21.6	20.8	+ 0.9	+ 4.8
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.1	14.6	15.6	+ 3.4	- 3.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	485.6	485.4	489.4	**	- 0.8
Food & Kindred Products	46.9	46.7	44.6	+ 0.4	+ 5.2
Meat Products	20.0	19.9	18.5	+ 0.5	+ 8.1
Meat Packing Plants	2.7	2.8	2.7	- 3.6	0
Dairy Products	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 3.8
Grain Mill Products	2.3	2.4	2.4	- 4.2	- 4.2
Bakery Products	8.1	8.1	8.1	0	0
Beverages	6.4	6.4	6.3	0	+ 1.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.1	25.8	25.0	- 2.7	+ 0.4
Cigarettes	19.9	19.9	20.1	0	- 1.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.7	5.6	4.5	-16.1	+ 4.4
Textile Mill Products	205.8	205.5	210.5	+ 0.1	- 2.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	51.8	51.8	57.3	0	- 9.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.4	26.4	29.0	0	- 9.0
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.7	24.7	27.5	0	-10.2
Knitting Mills	76.3	76.4	74.5	- 0.1	+ 2.4
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.9	22.9	22.1	0	+ 3.6
Hosiery, NEC	21.1	21.6	21.6	- 2.3	- 2.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.6	14.4	13.4	+ 1.4	+ 9.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.8	6.8	6.9	0	- 1.4
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.2	14.2	14.5	0	- 2.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	51.0	50.6	51.3	+ 0.8	- 0.6

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December, 1985

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Dec. 1985 (Thous)	Nov.* 1985 (Thous)	Dec. 1984 (Thous)	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.7	90.6	90.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	29.6	29.5	29.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	39.8	39.8	40.6	0	- 2.0
Paper & Allied Products	22.2	22.3	22.3	- 0.4	- 0.4
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.3	10.3	11.0	0	- 6.4
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.6	7.6	7.4	0	+ 2.7
Printing & Publishing	25.3	25.1	24.9	+ 0.8	+ 1.6
Newspapers	9.6	9.6	9.3	0	+ 3.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.0	35.9	37.3	+ 0.3	- 3.5
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.6	12.5	13.0	+ 0.8	- 3.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.2	29.1	29.8	+ 0.3	- 2.0
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.4	4.4	+ 2.3	+ 2.3
NONMANUFACTURING	1,865.4	1,859.4	1,793.5	+ 0.3	+ 4.0
MINING	4.7	4.7	4.6	0	+ 2.2
CONSTRUCTION	153.3	153.5	141.9	- 0.1	+ 8.0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	131.7	131.4	130.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	72.6	72.3	70.9	+ 0.4	+ 2.4
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.2	54.1	54.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	596.0	587.2	575.4	+ 1.5	+ 3.6
Wholesale Trade	133.4	134.1	132.3	- 0.5	+ 0.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	79.9	80.0	79.1	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	53.5	54.1	53.2	- 1.1	+ 0.6
Retail Trade	462.6	453.0	443.1	+ 2.1	+ 4.4
General Merchandise Stores	67.3	61.6	63.7	+ 9.3	+ 5.7
Food Stores	68.8	68.4	67.4	+ 0.6	+ 2.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	112.1	112.0	106.0	+ 0.1	+ 5.8
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	429.9	429.0	404.8	+ 0.2	+ 6.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	24.3	24.8	22.7	- 2.0	+ 7.0
Personal Services	27.7	27.5	26.0	+ 0.7	+ 6.5
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.3	11.2	10.9	+ 0.9	+ 3.7
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	437.7	441.8	430.5	- 0.9	+ 1.7
Federal	52.2	52.0	50.5	+ 0.4	+ 3.4
State	130.0	131.3	128.2	- 1.0	+ 1.4
Education	70.4	71.6	67.3	- 1.7	+ 4.6
Other	59.6	59.6	60.9	0	- 2.1
Local	255.5	258.5	251.8	- 1.2	+ 1.5
Education	141.5	141.3	138.6	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Other	114.0	117.2	113.2	- 2.7	+ 0.7

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

* Revised.

** Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December, 1985
Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1985 (Thous)	November* 1985 (Thous)	December 1984 (Thous)	November 1985	December 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,659.2	2,647.4	2,597.2	+ 0.4	+ 2.4
MANUFACTURING	814.8	809.3	824.2	+ 0.7	- 1.1
DURABLE GOODS	328.7	326.5	334.4	+ 0.7	- 1.7
Lumber & Wood Products	36.2	35.8	36.8	+ 1.1	- 1.6
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.6	12.5	13.2	+ 0.8	- 4.5
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.6	8.6	9.0	0	- 4.4
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.2	5.1	4.4	+ 2.0	+18.2
Furniture & Fixtures	82.7	82.6	83.8	+ 0.1	- 1.3
Household Furniture	72.5	72.6	73.7	- 0.1	- 1.6
Wood Household Furniture	36.9	36.0	38.1	+ 2.5	- 3.1
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.3	31.5	31.0	- 0.6	+ 1.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.1	18.7	18.8	+ 2.1	+ 1.6
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.6	2.5	+ 3.8	+ 8.0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.5	5.5	5.3	0	+ 3.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.1	11.2	11.3	- 0.9	- 1.8
Fabricated Metal Products	26.8	26.6	26.7	+ 0.8	+ 0.4
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.7	8.5	8.5	+ 2.4	+ 2.4
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	52.8	53.6	55.6	- 1.5	- 5.0
Special Industry Machinery	7.0	7.2	7.4	- 2.8	- 5.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.8	61.8	64.7	+ 1.6	- 2.9
Household Appliances	5.2	5.1	6.2	+ 2.0	-16.1
Transportation Equipment	22.1	21.7	21.1	+ 1.8	+ 4.7
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.1	14.5	15.6	+ 4.1	- 3.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	486.1	482.8	489.8	+ 0.7	- 0.8
Food & Kindred Products	46.9	46.3	44.6	+ 1.3	+ 5.2
Meat Products	20.0	19.8	18.5	+ 1.0	+ 8.1
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.8	2.6	- 7.1	-0
Dairy Products	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 3.8
Grain Mill Products	2.3	2.4	2.4	- 4.2	- 4.2
Bakery Products	8.1	8.1	8.1	0	0
Beverages	6.5	6.5	6.4	0	+ 1.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.9	24.3	24.8	+ 2.5	+ 0.4
Cigarettes	19.9	19.8	20.1	+ 0.5	- 1.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.5	3.8	4.3	+18.4	+ 4.7
Textile Mill Products	206.0	205.3	210.7	+ 0.3	- 2.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	51.7	51.6	57.2	+ 0.2	- 9.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.3	26.3	28.9	0	- 9.0
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.8	24.7	27.6	+ 0.4	-10.1
Knitting Mills	76.8	76.6	74.9	+ 0.3	+ 2.5
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.8	22.9	22.0	- 0.4	+ 3.6
Hosiery, NEC	21.3	21.6	21.8	- 1.4	- 2.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	14.6	14.4	13.4	+ 1.4	+ 9.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.9	6.9	7.0	0	- 1.4
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.2	14.1	14.5	+ 0.7	- 2.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	51.1	50.5	51.4	+ 1.2	- 0.6

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/
December, 1985
Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1985 (Thous)	November* 1985 (Thous)	December 1984 (Thous)	November 1985	December 1984
Apparel & Other Textile Products	91.2	89.9	91.1	+ 1.4	+ 0.1
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	29.7	29.2	29.3	+ 1.7	+ 1.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	40.1	39.6	40.9	+ 1.3	- 2.0
Paper & Allied Products	22.0	22.3	22.1	- 1.3	- 0.5
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.2	10.4	10.9	- 1.9	- 6.4
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.6	7.6	7.4	0	+ 2.7
Printing & Publishing	25.0	25.0	24.6	0	+ 1.6
Newspapers	9.5	9.6	9.2	- 1.0	+ 3.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.3	36.2	37.6	+ 0.3	- 3.5
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.6	12.5	13.0	+ 0.8	- 3.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.3	29.1	29.9	+ 0.7	- 2.0
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.4	4.4	+ 2.3	+ 2.3
NONMANUFACTURING	1,844.4	1,838.1	1,773.0	+ 0.3	+ 4.0
MINING	4.7	4.7	4.6	0	+ 2.2
CONSTRUCTION	152.7	150.9	141.3	+ 1.2	+ 8.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	131.2	131.0	129.6	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	71.9	71.8	70.2	+ 0.1	+ 2.4
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.4	54.3	54.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	580.9	578.5	560.9	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
Wholesale Trade	133.9	133.1	132.8	+ 0.6	+ 0.8
Wholesale Trade--Durable Goods	80.0	79.9	79.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade--Nondurable Goods	53.9	53.2	53.6	+ 1.3	+ 0.6
Retail Trade	447.0	445.4	428.1	+ 0.4	+ 4.4
General Merchandise Stores	59.0	58.7	55.9	+ 0.5	+ 5.5
Food Stores	68.2	68.1	66.8	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	112.3	112.2	106.2	+ 0.1	+ 5.7
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	436.0	431.6	410.5	+ 1.0	+ 6.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	26.5	25.7	24.7	+ 3.1	+ 7.3
Personal Services	28.0	27.9	26.2	+ 0.4	+ 6.9
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.2	11.1	10.8	+ 0.9	+ 3.7
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	426.6	429.2	419.9	- 0.6	+ 1.6
Federal	52.6	52.5	50.9	+ 0.2	+ 3.3
State	124.9	124.8	123.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Education	64.5	64.5	61.7	0	+ 4.5
Other	60.4	60.3	61.8	+ 0.2	- 2.3
Local	249.1	251.9	245.5	- 1.1	+ 1.5
Education	133.2	133.4	130.5	- 0.1	+ 2.1
Other	115.9	118.5	115.0	- 2.2	+ 0.8

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.
* Revised.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December, 1985

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1985	November* 1985	December 1984	November 1985	December 1984
MANUFACTURING	645.1	643.9	657.2	+ 0.2	- 1.8
DURABLE GOODS	248.1	246.9	255.5	+ 0.5	- 2.9
Lumber & Wood Products	31.0	30.9	31.8	+ 0.3	- 2.5
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.5	7.6	7.9	- 1.3	- 5.1
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.1	4.1	3.5	0	+ 17.1
Furniture & Fixtures	73.7	73.6	75.7	+ 0.1	- 2.6
Household Furniture	65.2	65.1	67.2	+ 0.2	- 3.0
Wood Household Furniture	32.8	32.9	34.2	- 0.3	- 4.1
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.6	15.4	15.5	+ 1.3	+ 0.6
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.1	2.0	+ 4.8	+ 10.0
Primary Metal Industries	8.2	8.3	8.6	- 1.2	- 4.7
Fabricated Metal Products	20.6	20.3	20.1	+ 1.5	+ 2.5
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	26.1	26.3	27.5	- 0.8	- 5.1
Special Industry Machinery	4.8	4.9	5.1	- 2.0	- 5.9
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	44.1	43.7	47.4	+ 0.9	- 7.0
Household Appliances	4.5	4.8	5.4	- 6.2	- 16.7
Transportation Equipment	17.5	17.4	16.9	+ 0.6	+ 3.6
NONDURABLE GOODS	397.1	396.9	401.7	+ 0.1	- 1.1
Food & Kindred Products	32.9	32.8	30.5	+ 0.3	+ 7.9
Meat Products	17.8	17.7	16.2	+ 0.6	+ 9.9
Meat Packing	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 5.3
Dairy Products	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 7.7
Grain Mill Products	1.6	1.7	1.7	- 5.9	- 5.9
Bakery Products	4.6	4.6	4.6	0	0
Beverages	2.6	2.6	2.4	0	+ 8.3
Tobacco Manufacturers	19.7	20.4	19.8	- 3.4	- 0.5
Cigarettes	15.7	15.7	15.9	0	- 1.3
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.6	4.4	3.5	- 18.2	+ 2.9
Textile Mill Products	182.1	181.9	186.6	+ 0.1	- 2.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	45.6	45.7	50.7	- 0.2	- 10.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	23.2	23.2	25.7	0	- 9.7
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	21.9	22.0	24.5	- 0.5	- 10.6
Knitting Mills	67.6	67.8	65.8	- 0.3	+ 2.7
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	20.8	20.8	19.9	0	+ 4.5
Hosiery, NEC	19.1	19.6	19.7	- 2.6	- 3.0
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	12.5	12.3	11.3	+ 1.6	+ 10.6
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.0	5.9	6.0	+ 1.7	0
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	11.8	11.9	12.2	- 0.8	- 3.3
Yarn & Thread Mills	46.4	46.1	47.0	+ 0.7	- 1.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	79.2	79.1	80.1	+ 0.1	- 1.1
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	25.6	25.6	26.4	0	- 3.0
Women's & Children's Garments	34.7	34.7	35.3	0	- 1.7
Paper & Allied Products	16.8	16.9	16.7	- 0.6	+ 0.6
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.5	7.5	8.1	0	- 7.4
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.8	5.8	5.6	0	+ 3.6
Printing & Publishing	15.7	15.4	15.7	+ 1.9	0
Newspapers	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	23.0	22.9	24.2	+ 0.4	- 5.0
Plastic Materials & Synthetics	8.8	8.7	9.0	+ 1.1	- 2.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	24.0	23.9	24.4	+ 0.4	- 1.6
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products."

* Revised.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

December, 1985

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Dec. 1985	Nov.* 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Nov.* 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Nov.* 1985	Dec. 1984
MANUFACTURING	$303.81	$298.82	$287.43	41.0	40.6	40.2	$7.41	$7.36	$7.15
DURABLE GOODS	322.07	311.19	309.54	42.1	41.0	42.0	7.65	7.59	7.37
Lumber & Wood Products	268.27	261.06	246.22	41.4	40.6	40.9	6.48	6.43	6.02
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	259.37	253.78	244.53	41.7	40.8	41.8	6.22	6.22	5.85
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	288.68	276.26	276.46	39.6	38.8	40.3	7.29	7.12	6.86
Furniture & Fixtures	275.00	266.63	257.75	40.5	39.5	40.4	6.79	6.75	6.38
Household Furniture	272.30	263.98	256.14	40.4	39.4	40.4	6.74	6.70	6.34
Wood Household Furniture	261.76	256.94	244.19	40.9	40.4	39.9	6.40	6.36	6.12
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	340.37	337.22	327.23	42.6	42.1	43.0	7.99	8.01	7.61
Structural Clay Products	295.03	287.43	281.94	44.1	42.9	44.4	6.69	6.70	6.35
Primary Metal Industries	403.92	359.53	373.50	45.9	42.1	45.0	8.80	8.54	8.30
Fabricated Metal Products	337.98	329.09	326.28	43.0	42.3	42.1	7.86	7.78	7.75
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	380.30	355.74	372.12	44.9	42.3	44.3	8.47	8.41	8.40
Special Industry Machinery	347.99	321.91	325.92	44.5	40.8	42.0	7.82	7.89	7.76
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	351.02	348.53	362.93	41.2	41.1	42.9	8.52	8.48	8.46
Household Appliances	272.65	283.48	249.98	41.0	42.5	38.4	6.65	6.67	6.51
Transportation Equipment	371.80	366.68	349.93	44.0	43.6	43.2	8.45	8.41	8.10
NONDURABLE GOODS	293.30	290.97	272.61	40.4	40.3	39.0	7.26	7.22	6.99
Food & Kindred Products	268.80	265.86	261.45	40.0	40.1	40.1	6.72	6.63	6.52
Meat Products	223.69	221.94	206.63	38.7	38.8	37.5	5.78	5.72	5.51
Meat Packing	347.16	343.65	334.96	44.0	43.5	42.4	7.89	7.90	7.90
Dairy Products	298.12	291.92	267.50	44.1	43.7	42.8	6.76	6.68	6.25
Grain Mill Products	322.08	305.27	311.24	45.3	43.3	44.4	7.11	7.05	7.01
Bakery Products	288.23	299.74	308.85	41.0	41.4	43.5	7.03	7.24	7.10
Beverages	525.39	492.20	516.88	44.6	43.1	45.5	11.78	11.42	11.36
Tobacco Manufacturers	485.09	458.80	460.11	37.2	35.9	37.9	13.04	12.78	12.14
Cigarettes	549.69	540.14	521.50	36.5	36.3	37.9	15.06	14.88	13.76
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	219.54	173.04	202.23	39.7	33.6	37.8	5.53	5.15	5.35
Textile Mill Products	267.08	267.97	242.17	40.9	41.1	38.5	6.53	6.52	6.29
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	292.41	301.18	268.11	40.5	41.6	38.8	7.22	7.24	6.91
Weaving Mills, Cotton	283.19	299.22	263.42	38.9	40.6	38.4	7.28	7.37	6.86
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	302.87	302.46	273.53	42.3	42.6	39.3	7.16	7.10	6.96
Knitting Mills	234.08	234.74	218.04	38.5	38.8	37.4	6.08	6.05	5.83
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	219.54	210.18	214.70	37.4	36.3	37.8	5.87	5.79	5.68
Hosiery, NEC	213.73	231.55	208.05	35.8	38.4	36.5	5.97	6.03	5.70
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	263.81	263.16	228.16	40.4	40.3	36.8	6.53	6.53	6.20
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	318.92	297.70	275.10	46.9	44.7	42.0	6.80	6.66	6.55
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	293.87	292.32	270.44	42.9	42.8	41.1	6.85	6.83	6.58
Yarn & Thread Mills	274.09	271.99	228.69	43.3	42.9	37.8	6.33	6.34	6.05
Apparel & Other Textile Products	199.68	197.74	187.50	38.4	38.1	37.5	5.20	5.19	5.00
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	201.00	195.94	182.43	37.5	36.9	35.7	5.36	5.31	5.11
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	180.31	183.49	177.92	37.1	37.6	37.3	4.86	4.88	4.77
Paper & Allied Products	510.75	501.75	475.89	45.4	44.6	43.7	11.25	11.25	10.89
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	665.38	664.54	587.86	46.4	46.7	44.3	14.34	14.23	13.27
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	379.68	356.16	335.58	45.8	43.7	43.3	8.29	8.15	7.75
Printing & Publishing	341.78	329.48	317.60	40.4	38.9	39.9	8.46	8.47	7.96
Newspapers	274.12	276.89	284.87	33.8	34.1	35.3	8.11	8.12	8.07
Chemicals & Allied Products	415.91	410.06	390.51	41.8	41.8	41.9	9.95	9.81	9.32
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	454.30	450.47	438.18	42.3	42.1	42.5	10.74	10.70	10.31
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	384.72	380.72	370.94	42.0	41.7	41.4	9.16	9.13	8.96
MINING	390.66	394.13	353.79	47.7	48.3	45.3	8.19	8.16	7.81
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	493.61	496.65	458.79	42.7	43.0	41.0	11.56	11.55	11.19
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	200.41	196.06	198.20	32.8	32.3	33.2	6.11	6.07	5.97
Wholesale Trade	306.54	299.92	300.60	39.3	38.9	39.5	7.80	7.71	7.61
Retail Trade	172.92	168.91	170.73	31.1	30.6	31.5	5.56	5.52	5.42
General Merchandise Stores	170.67	157.30	170.22	30.1	28.6	32.3	5.67	5.50	5.27
Food Stores	189.66	187.02	201.37	32.7	32.3	33.9	5.80	5.79	5.94
SERVICES. Hotels & Other Lodging Places	138.70	136.16	135.90	29.7	29.6	30.2	4.67	4.60	4.50
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	197.45	199.11	190.58	35.9	36.4	36.3	5.50	5.47	5.25

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

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State Labor Summary
NORTH CAROLINA

January 1986

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NORTH CAROLINA
STATE LABOR SUMMARY
January, 1986

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT FALLS IN JANUARY: Total employment (not seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 2,961,200 as of mid-January of this year, a noticeable decrease of 95,500 people (-3.1 percent) over the month. North Carolina's seasonally adjusted total employment was estimated to be 3,020,000 in the middle of January, 1986, a net over-the-month decline of 47,000 persons (-1.5 percent).

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT SUFFERS MONTHLY LOSS: North Carolina's manufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 825,900 as of the middle of this January, a net over-the-month decrease of 3,900 workers (-0.5 percent). The durable goods segment fell by 1,800 people (-0.5 percent). Primary metals was the only industry which displayed a modest employment growth (+200; +1.9 percent). The two durable goods industries which sustained the largest net monthly declines were furniture and fixtures (-500; -0.6 percent), all of which occurred in household furniture, and nonelectrical machinery (-500; -0.9 percent). The nondurable goods segment lost 2,100 workers (-0.4 percent) as six of its nine industry groups exhibited cutbacks. The hardest hit nondurable goods industry was food and kindred products (-1,200; -2.5 percent) as meat products lost 600 workers and bakery products fell by 100. The textile mill products industry declined by 600 (-0.3 percent) overall with weaving mills suffering the largest drop (-900).

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT DROPS IN JANUARY: Statewide nonmanufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 1,846,800 in mid-January, 1986, a net over-the-month decline of 30,000 workers (-1.6 percent). Total trade, down seasonally by 17,200 people (-2.9 percent), all of whom were in retailing, accounted for almost 60% of the decrease in nonmanufacturing employment. The construction industry followed losing 3,900 workers (-2.5 percent) over the month.

A chart showing the composition of nonagricultural employment in North Carolina as of January, 1986, can be found on page seven.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT SURGES OVER THE MONTH: North Carolina's total unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 185,500 in mid-January of this year, a net over-the-month rise of 51,200 persons (+38.1 percent), and the unadjusted rate of unemployment climbed from 4.2 percent in December, 1985, to 5.9 percent in January, 1986. The State's seasonally adjusted total unemployment for mid-January, 1986, was estimated to be 178,000, a net monthly jump of 30,000 people (+20.3 percent). The seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment for the same period increased from 4.6 percent to 5.6 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 7.3 percent in January, 1986, and 6.7 percent in December, 1985. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 6.7 percent this January and 6.9 percent one month ago. A comparison of North Carolina and United States unemployment rates and Statewide (adjusted and unadjusted) monthly rates, January, 1985, through January, 1986, are shown by graphs on page six.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force 1/

	January, 1986	December, 1985 2/	January, 1985 2/
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,146,700	3,191,000	2,994,800
Employment	2,961,200	3,056,700	2,781,900
Unemployment	185,500	134,300	212,900
Unemployment Rate	5.9	4.2	7.1
(Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,198,000	3,215,000	3,046,000
Employment	3,020,000	3,067,000	2,842,000
Unemployment	178,000	148,000	204,000
Unemployment Rate	5.6	4.6	6.7
National Rate (Unadjusted)	7.3	6.7	8.0
(Seasonally Adjusted)	6.7	6.9	7.4

1/ Data compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
2/ Revised.

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CONSTANT WHILE AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS DECLINE: The average hourly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees stayed at $7.46 over the month. The average hourly earnings of workers in the durable goods segment also remained constant at $7.68 from mid-December, 1985, to mid-January, 1986. Workers in the electrical machinery industry group enjoyed the largest net monthly increase in durable goods, up by 15¢ an hour (+1.8 percent) to reach $8.67 this January. Following was the primary metals industry group, whose employees experienced a net over-the-month gain of 9¢ an hour (+1.0 percent) to hit $8.82. Workers in the nondurable goods segment realized a small net monthly increase of 1¢ an hour (+0.1 percent) to rise to $7.32 in January, 1986. Chemical industry workers led the way in nondurable goods with a net over-the-month surge of 13¢ an hour (+1.3 percent) to climb to $9.87. Tobacco manufacturing employees were next, experiencing a net monthly increase of 7¢ an hour (+0.5 percent) to reach $13.22 this January. From the middle of December, 1985, to the middle of January, 1986, the average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers declined by $7.46 (-2.4 percent) to $300.64. Average weekly hours fell to 40.3 in January of this year, down by 1.0 hour over the month.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS JUMPS OVER THE MONTH: As of January 31, 1986, there were 183,709 active job applicants registered for work with the local Job Service offices across the State, a net over-the-month increase of 9,597 people (+5.5 percent). The largest applicant sector by age was the twenty-two to thirty-nine sector which had 114,747 or 62.4 percent of the total, and the forty to fifty-four age group followed with 31,990 or 17.4 percent. The fewest active applicants were seen in the fifty-five and over category which had 9,833 or just 5.4 percent of the total. Females comprised the majority of the active applicants with 93,178 or 50.7 percent of the total. The largest ethnic group was white, not Hispanic, with 102,423 or 55.7 percent of the total. The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's active applicant file at the end of January of this year.

Statewide Active Applicant File
January 31, 1986

	Number	Percent
Total	183,709	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	27,139	14.8
22 - 39	114,747	62.4
40 - 54	31,990	17.4
55 and Over	9,833	5.4
Sex		
Male	90,531	49.3
Female	93,178	50.7
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	102,423	55.7
Black, not Hispanic	76,450	41.6
Hispanic	1,201	0.7
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,786	1.5
Other Races and Undetermined	849	0.5
Eligible Claimant	78,915	43.0
Veteran	35,335	19.2
Handicapped	12,421	6.8
Welfare	27,327	14.9
Seasonal Farmworker	2,319	1.3

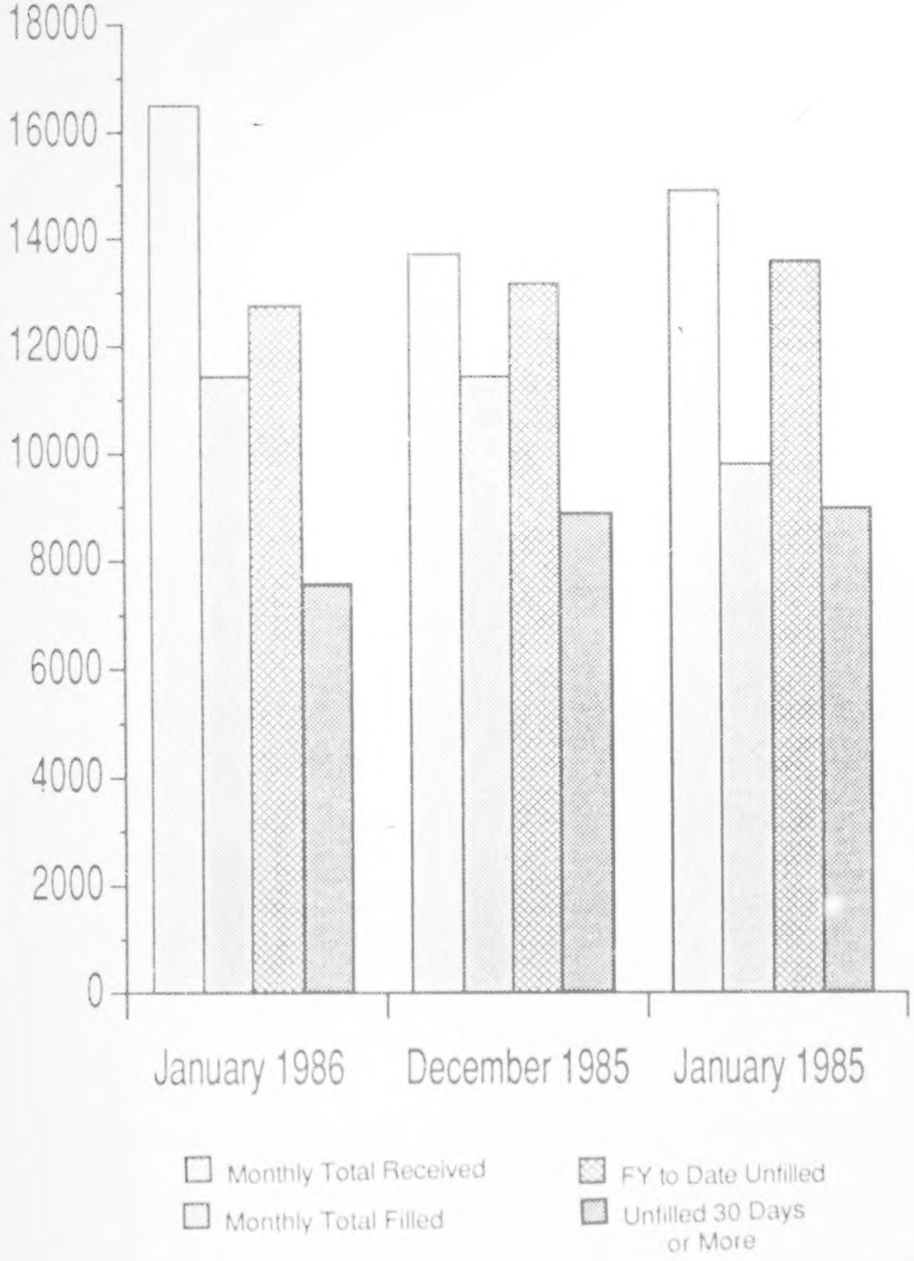
THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS GROWS IN JANUARY: During January of this year, there were 16,462 job openings received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina, a net monthly increase of 2,773 (+20.3 percent). Most of those openings were filled (11,541 or 70.1 percent). The service category experienced the largest number of job openings in January with 2,992 and 2,200 or 73.5 percent were filled. The miscellaneous occupational group followed with 2,547 job openings of which 1,884 or 74.0 percent were filled. Structural work was third in job openings received in January with 2,275 and 1,563 or 68.7 percent were filled. The fewest job openings occurred in processing with only 604; however, a very high percentage was filled (95.4 percent or 576). There were 158,295 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the State from July 1, 1985, through January 31, 1986. Most of those openings were filled (127,938 or 80.8 percent). There were 12,847 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file at the end of January of this year with more than half (7,605 or 59.2 percent) being labeled as hard-to-fill -- on file for thirty days or more. The next table gives more data on Statewide job openings for January, 1986, and for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1985, through January 31, 1986). Following the table is a graph depicting total job openings data for the current month (January, 1986), one month ago, and one year ago; and unfilled openings data for the fiscal year to date.

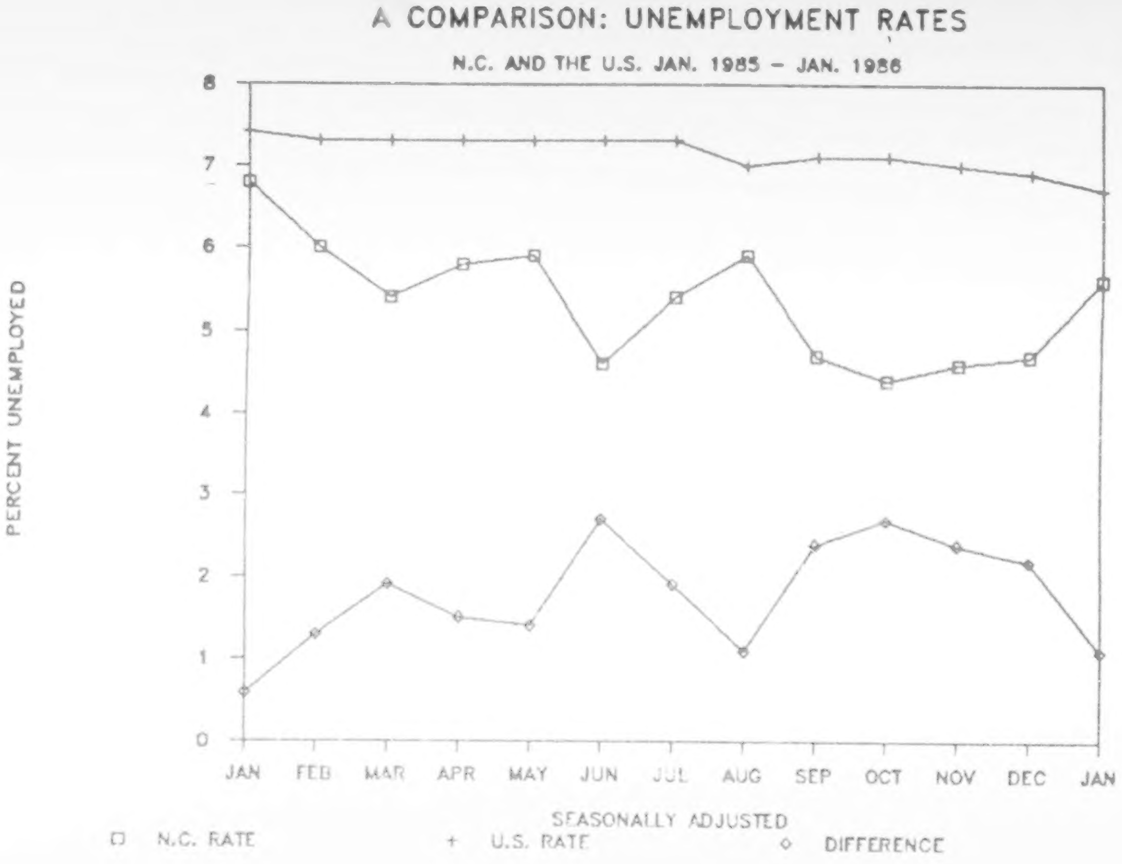
Statewide Job Openings Data

	January, 1986		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of Jan. 31, 1986	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	917	302	6,377	3,149	1,477	851
Clerical	2,105	1,316	17,517	12,006	1,684	867
Sales	672	342	6,026	3,699	722	396
Service	2,992	2,200	24,889	19,122	2,516	1,540
Domestic	172	141	1,732	1,415	103	67
Other Services	2,820	2,059	23,157	17,707	2,413	1,473
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	863	723	28,793	28,475	227	129
Processing	604	576	6,656	6,082	245	124
Machine Trades	1,357	1,009	10,314	7,649	1,258	681
Bench Work	2,130	1,626	13,983	12,213	1,429	932
Structural Work	2,275	1,563	21,419	16,641	1,858	1,213
Miscellaneous	2,547	1,884	22,321	18,902	1,431	872
Motor Freight and Transp.	441	272	3,638	2,458	363	207
Pkg. & Mat. Hand.	2,056	1,588	18,155	16,070	1,020	636
Other	50	24	528	374	48	29
Total	16,462	11,541	158,295	127,938	12,847	7,605

1/ July 1, 1985, through January 31, 1986.

NORTH CAROLINA JOB OPENINGS DATA

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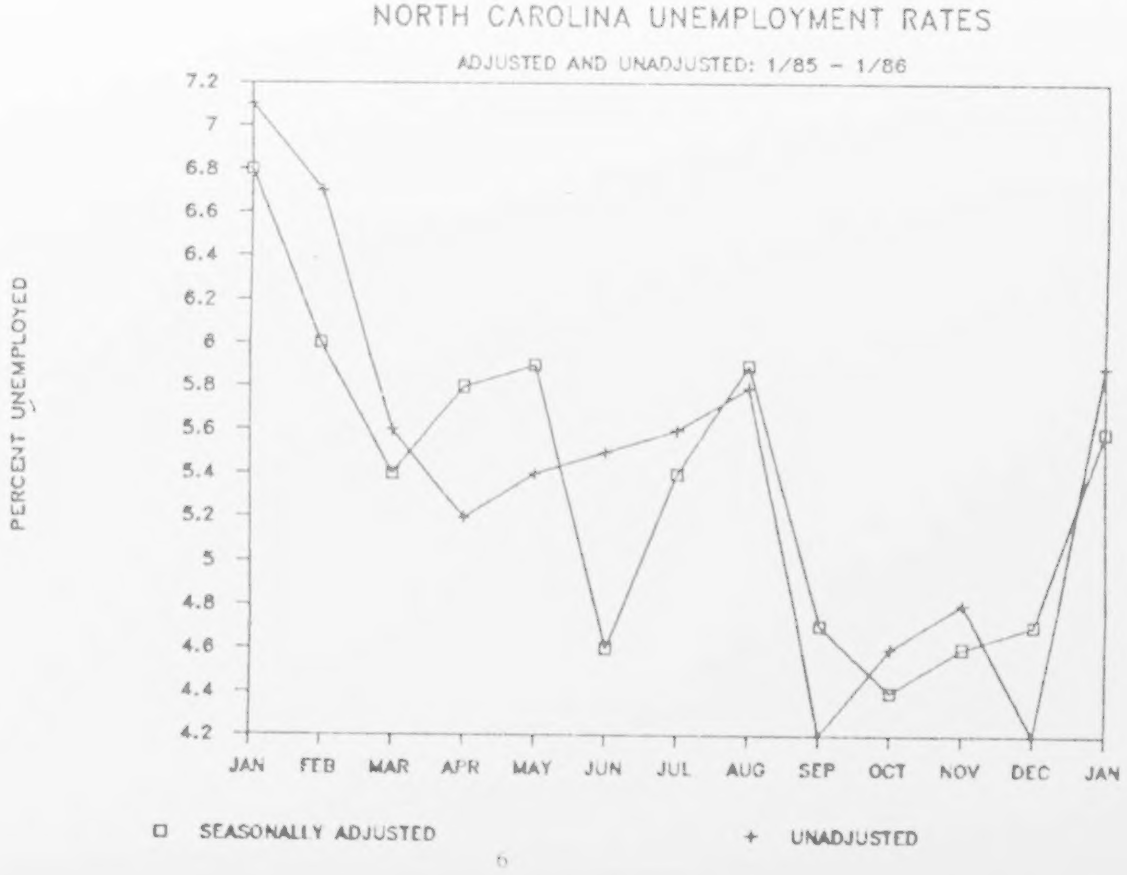
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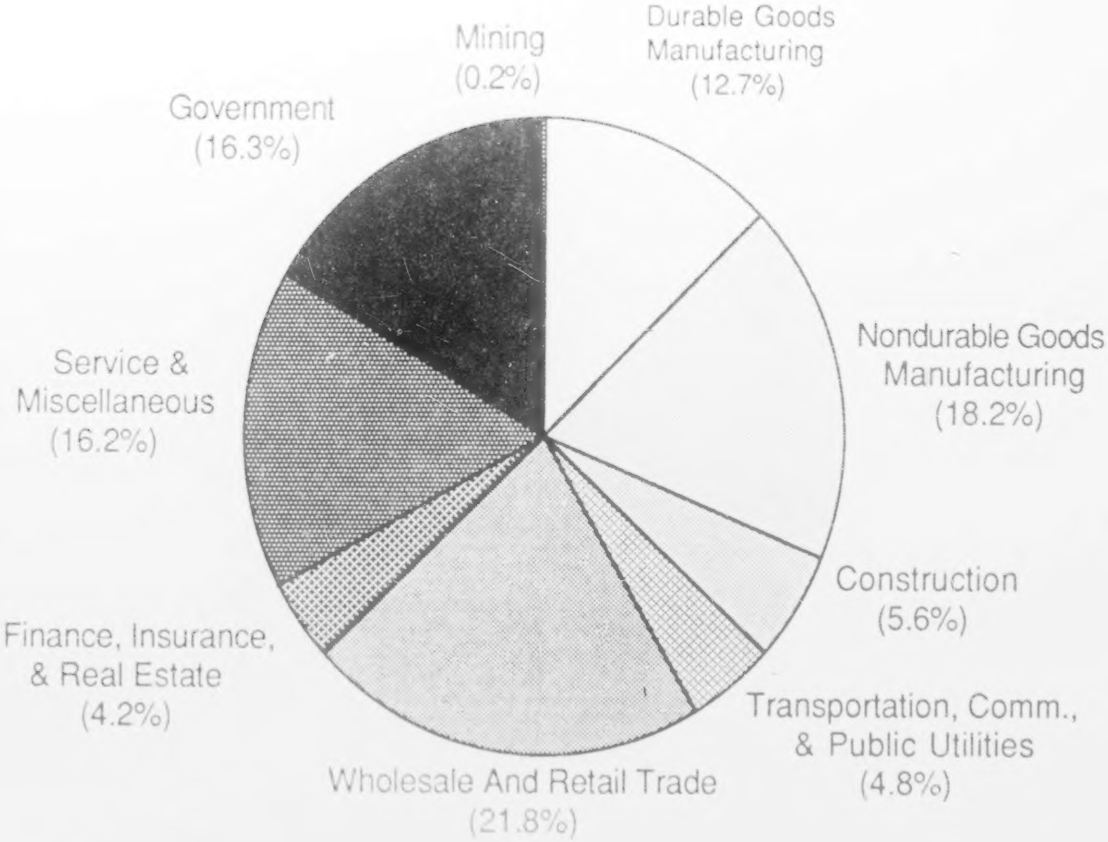
COMPOSITION OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA

JANUARY 1986

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

January, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Jan. 1986 (Thous)	Dec.* 1985 (Thous)	Jan.* 1985 (Thous)	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,672.7	2,706.7	2,588.5	- 1.3	+ 3.3
MANUFACTURING	825.9	829.8	830.0	- 0.5	- 0.5
DURABLE GOODS	340.3	342.1	341.9	- 0.5	- 0.5
Lumber & Wood Products	35.6	35.8	35.7	- 0.6	- 0.3
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.9	11.8	12.3	+ 0.8	- 3.3
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.3	8.3	8.6	0	- 3.5
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.6	5.5	4.6	+ 1.8	+21.7
Furniture & Fixtures	84.9	85.4	85.9	- 0.6	- 1.2
Household Furniture	75.3	75.8	76.1	- 0.7	- 1.1
Wood Household Furniture	37.3	37.7	38.6	- 1.1	- 3.4
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.5	31.5	31.2	0	+ 1.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.3	19.6	19.0	- 1.5	+ 1.6
Structural Clay Products	2.5	2.6	2.4	- 3.8	+ 4.2
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.5	5.6	5.2	- 1.8	+ 5.8
Primary Metal Industries	10.7	10.5	10.6	+ 1.9	+ 0.9
Fabricated Metal Products	26.8	26.8	27.1	0	- 1.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.3	8.5	8.5	- 2.4	- 2.4
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	56.5	57.0	58.3	- 0.9	- 3.1
Special Industry Machinery	7.0	7.0	7.5	0	- 6.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	66.0	66.2	66.6	- 0.3	- 0.9
Household Appliances	5.0	5.4	5.5	- 7.4	- 9.1
Transportation Equipment	23.7	23.7	22.2	0	+ 6.8
Other Durable Goods 2/	16.8	17.2	16.5	- 2.3	+ 1.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	485.6	487.7	488.2	- 0.4	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	45.9	47.1	43.7	- 2.5	+ 5.0
Meat Products	19.7	20.3	18.0	- 3.0	+ 9.4
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.6	2.5	- 3.8	0
Dairy Products	3.0	3.0	2.5	0	+20.0
Grain Mill Products	2.5	2.4	2.5	+ 4.2	0
Bakery Products	7.7	7.8	7.9	- 1.3	- 2.5
Beverages	5.9	5.9	6.2	0	- 4.8
Tobacco Manufacturers	26.1	26.2	23.7	- 0.4	+10.1
Cigarettes	20.4	20.5	19.6	- 0.5	+ 4.1
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.1	5.2	3.6	- 1.9	+41.7
Textile Mill Products	205.5	206.1	226.6	- 0.3	- 9.3
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	54.0	54.9	63.5	- 1.6	-15.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton	28.7	29.0	33.5	- 1.0	-14.3
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.8	25.4	29.0	- 2.4	-14.5
Knitting Mills	74.7	74.3	79.4	+ 0.5	- 5.9
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	24.9	24.9	23.5	0	+ 6.0
Hosiery, NEC	22.6	22.3	22.3	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	12.6	12.6	15.1	0	-16.6
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.1	6.0	7.0	+ 1.7	-12.9
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.5	14.5	15.0	0	- 3.3
Yarn & Thread Mills	48.2	48.4	55.1	- 0.4	-12.5

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

January, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	Jan. 1986 (Thous)	Dec.* 1985 (Thous)	Jan.* 1985 (Thous)	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.9	88.9	92.1	0	- 3.5
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	29.9	29.8	29.9	+ 0.3	0
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	38.4	38.3	42.3	+ 0.3	- 9.2
Paper & Allied Products	22.6	22.3	22.3	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	11.0	10.7	11.1	+ 2.8	- 0.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.7	7.8	7.4	- 1.3	+ 4.1
Printing & Publishing	26.7	26.5	23.7	+ 0.8	+12.7
Newspapers	9.7	9.7	9.3	0	+ 4.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.8	36.9	37.7	- 0.3	- 2.4
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.1	12.9	13.3	+ 1.6	- 1.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	28.9	29.2	30.3	- 1.0	- 4.6
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.3	4.4	4.2	- 2.3	+ 2.4
NONMANUFACTURING	1,846.8	1,876.8	1,758.5	- 1.6	+ 5.0
MINING	4.5	4.7	4.7	- 4.3	- 4.3
CONSTRUCTION	150.8	154.7	136.4	- 2.5	+10.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	128.2	130.9	125.5	- 2.1	+ 2.2
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	69.1	71.7	66.9	- 3.6	+ 3.3
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.6	54.8	53.6	- 0.4	+ 1.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	582.8	600.0	558.1	- 2.9	+ 4.4
Wholesale Trade	137.9	137.7	134.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	83.4	82.3	80.9	+ 0.1	+ 3.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	54.4	54.5	53.0	- 0.2	+ 2.6
Retail Trade	445.0	462.3	424.2	- 3.7	+ 4.9
General Merchandise Stores	60.7	68.3	57.1	-11.1	+ 6.3
Food Stores	71.3	71.7	69.3	- 0.6	+ 2.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	111.3	111.0	104.7	+ 0.3	+ 6.3
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	434.1	437.8	406.8	- 0.8	+ 6.7
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.0	25.8	21.8	- 3.1	+14.7
Personal Services	27.5	27.5	25.5	0	+ 7.8
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.6	11.7	11.1	- 0.9	+ 4.5
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	435.0	437.6	422.3	- 0.6	+ 3.0
Federal	52.7	52.5	50.2	+ 0.4	+ 5.0
State	127.2	129.4	123.5	- 1.7	+ 3.0
Education	67.6	69.5	63.8	- 2.7	+ 6.0
Other	59.7	59.9	59.8	- 0.3	- 0.2
Local	255.1	255.8	248.6	- 0.3	+ 2.6
Education	136.6	137.6	135.3	- 0.7	+ 1.0
Other	118.5	118.2	113.3	+ 0.3	+ 4.6

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

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ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

January, 1986
Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	January 1986 (Thous)	December* 1985 (Thous)	January* 1985 (Thous)	December 1985	January 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,706.3	2,690.0	2,618.9	+ 0.6	+ 3.3
MANUFACTURING	831.7	829.6	834.7	- 0.3	- 0.4
DURABLE GOODS	342.2	341.1	342.7	+ 0.3	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	36.3	36.0	36.4	+ 0.8	- 0.3
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.2	11.8	12.6	+ 3.4	- 3.2
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.4	8.4	8.7	0	- 3.4
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.8	5.7	4.8	+ 1.8	+20.8
Furniture & Fixtures	84.1	84.7	84.0	- 0.7	+ 0.1
Household Furniture	74.6	75.0	75.5	- 0.5	- 1.2
Wood Household Furniture	37.3	38.0	38.6	- 1.8	- 3.4
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.4	31.3	31.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.8	19.8	19.5	0	+ 1.5
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 3.8
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.7	5.6	5.4	+ 1.8	+ 5.6
Primary Metal Industries	10.8	10.6	10.7	+ 1.9	+ 0.9
Fabricated Metal Products	26.9	26.7	27.2	+ 0.7	- 1.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.4	8.5	8.6	- 1.2	- 2.3
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	56.8	56.4	58.6	+ 0.7	- 3.1
Special Industry Machinery	6.9	6.9	7.4	0	- 6.8
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	66.7	65.8	67.3	+ 1.4	- 0.9
Household Appliances	5.5	5.3	6.1	+ 3.8	- 9.8
Transportation Equipment	23.9	24.0	22.4	- 0.4	+ 6.7
Other Durable Goods 2/	16.9	17.1	16.6	- 1.2	+ 1.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	489.5	488.5	492.0	- 0.2	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	46.8	46.8	44.6	0	+ 4.9
Meat Products	19.9	20.2	18.2	- 1.5	+ 9.3
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Dairy Products	3.1	3.0	3.0	+ 3.3	+ 3.3
Grain Mill Products	2.5	2.4	2.5	+ 4.2	0
Bakery Products	7.8	7.8	7.8	0	0
Beverages	6.0	5.9	5.8	+ 1.7	+ 3.4
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.9	25.9	26.0	0	- 0.4
Cigarettes	20.3	20.4	20.4	- 0.5	- 0.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.0	5.0	5.1	0	- 2.0
Textile Mill Products	207.4	207.1	212.5	+ 0.1	- 2.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	54.1	54.7	60.2	- 1.1	-10.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	28.5	28.8	31.4	- 1.0	- 9.2
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.9	25.4	28.2	- 2.0	-11.7
Knitting Mills	75.9	75.1	74.5	+ 1.1	+ 1.9
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.0	24.9	24.4	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
Hosiery, NEC	23.2	22.7	23.0	+ 2.2	+ 0.9
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	12.9	12.7	12.3	+ 1.6	+ 4.9
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.2	6.1	6.2	+ 1.6	0
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.7	14.5	14.4	+ 1.4	+ 2.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	48.3	48.5	49.0	- 0.4	- 1.4

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/
January, 1986
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INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT January 1986 (Thous)	 December* 1985 (Thous)	 January* 1985 (Thous)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: December 1985	 January 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.7	89.2	87.6	+ 0.6	+ 2.4
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	30.1	30.2	29.1	- 0.3	+ 3.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	38.8	38.3	38.9	+ 1.3	- 0.3
Paper & Allied Products	22.4	22.2	22.5	+ 0.9	- 0.4
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.8	10.6	11.2	+ 1.9	- 3.6
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.7	7.8	7.6	- 1.3	+ 1.3
Printing & Publishing	26.4	26.3	25.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.7
Newspapers	9.7	9.7	9.3	0	+ 4.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.0	37.0	37.9	0	- 2.4
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.1	13.0	13.3	+ 0.8	- 1.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.5	29.6	30.9	- 0.3	- 4.5
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	+ 2.3
NONMANUFACTURING	1,874.6	1,860.4	1,784.2	+ 0.8	+ 5.1
MINING	4.7	4.7	4.9	0	- 4.1
CONSTRUCTION	161.1	155.9	145.8	+ 3.3	+10.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	129.8	130.6	127.0	- 0.6	+ 2.2
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	70.4	71.3	68.2	- 1.3	+ 3.2
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.7	54.8	53.7	- 0.2	+ 1.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	591.0	586.6	566.2	+ 0.8	+ 4.4
Wholesale Trade	139.7	133.6	135.7	+ 0.8	+ 2.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	83.8	83.5	81.3	+ 0.4	+ 3.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	55.9	55.1	54.4	+ 1.5	+ 2.8
Retail Trade	451.3	448.0	430.5	+ 0.7	+ 4.8
General Merchandise Stores	60.2	59.5	56.7	+ 1.2	+ 6.2
Food Stores	71.5	70.8	69.5	+ 1.0	+ 2.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	112.4	111.8	105.7	+ 0.5	+ 6.3
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	443.0	444.0	415.4	- 0.2	+ 6.6
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	28.3	27.7	24.7	+ 2.2	+14.6
Personal Services	26.9	27.7	24.9	- 2.9	+ 8.0
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.6	11.6	11.1	0	+ 4.5
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	432.6	426.8	419.2	+ 1.4	+ 3.2
Federal	53.0	52.5	50.5	+ 1.0	+ 5.0
State	129.2	124.6	124.8	+ 3.7	+ 3.5
Education	68.6	63.8	64.7	+ 7.5	+ 6.0
Other	60.6	60.8	60.7	- 0.3	- 0.2
Local	250.4	249.7	243.9	+ 0.3	+ 2.7
Education	130.0	129.8	128.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Other	120.4	119.9	115.2	+ 0.4	+ 4.5

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ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

January, 1986

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	January 1986	December* 1985	January* 1985	December 1985	January 1985
MANUFACTURING	652.8	656.5	660.1	- 0.6	- 1.1
DURABLE GOODS	256.6	258.5	259.6	- 0.7	- 1.2
Lumber & Wood Products	30.5	30.7	30.7	- 0.7	- 0.7
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.2	7.3	7.6	1.4	5.3
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.5	4.5	3.7	0	+21.6
Furniture & Fixtures	75.1	75.6	76.7	0.7	- 2.1
Household Furniture	67.1	67.6	68.6	0.7	- 2.2
Wood Household Furniture	34.3	34.7	35.5	1.2	3.4
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.6	15.9	15.7	1.9	- 0.6
Structural Clay Products	1.9	2.1	1.9	9.5	0
Primary Metal Industries	8.0	7.8	8.0	+ 2.6	0
Fabricated Metal Products	20.0	20.0	20.2	0	- 1.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	28.0	28.5	28.8	1.8	2.8
Special Industry Machinery	4.8	4.7	5.1	+ 2.1	5.9
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	47.7	48.0	48.8	0.6	- 2.3
Household Appliances	4.5	4.8	4.9	6.2	8.2
Transportation Equipment	19.0	19.0	17.9	0	+ 6.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	396.3	398.0	400.5	0.4	1.0
Food & Kindred Products	32.3	33.2	30.0	2.7	+ 7.7
Meat Products	17.5	18.0	15.8	2.8	+10.8
Meat Packing	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 5.6
Dairy Products	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+ 7.1
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Bakery Products	4.3	4.4	4.4	2.3	2.3
Beverages	2.4	2.4	2.1	0	+14.3
Tobacco Manufacturers	20.1	20.2	20.8	0.5	3.4
Cigarettes	16.1	16.2	16.3	0.6	- 1.2
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.5	3.6	4.1	2.8	14.6
Textile Mill Products	181.3	181.3	186.7	0.3	2.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	47.6	48.4	53.5	1.7	11.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton	25.1	25.3	28.0	0.8	10.4
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	22.1	22.6	25.0	2.2	11.6
Knitting Mills	66.1	65.8	64.7	+ 0.5	+ 2.2
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.4	22.4	21.9	0	+ 2.3
Hosiery, NEC	20.4	20.2	20.4	+ 1.0	0
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	10.6	10.7	10.1	0.9	+ 5.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.3	5.3	5.2	0	+ 1.9
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.2	12.1	11.9	+ 0.8	+ 2.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	43.9	44.0	44.7	0.2	- 1.8
Apparel & Other Textile Products	78.0	77.9	76.7	+ 0.1	+ 1.7
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	26.4	26.3	26.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.8
Women's & Children's Garments	33.4	33.3	33.4	+ 0.3	0
Paper & Allied Products	17.0	16.8	17.0	+ 1.2	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	8.0	7.8	8.4	+ 2.6	4.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.9	5.9	5.7	0	+ 3.5
Printing & Publishing	16.5	16.4	16.7	+ 0.6	1.2
Newspapers	3.6	3.7	3.6	2.7	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	23.9	24.0	24.3	0.4	1.6
Plastic Materials & Synthetics	8.9	8.8	9.2	+ 1.1	3.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	23.6	23.8	24.9	0.8	5.2
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.6	3.7	3.5	2.7	+ 2.9

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2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products."

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ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

JANUARY, 1986

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jan. 1986	Dec.* 1985	Jan. 1985	Jan. 1986	Dec.* 1985	Jan. 1985	Jan. 1986	Dec.* 1985	Jan. 1985
MANUFACTURING	$300.64	$308.10	$280.67	40.3	41.3	39.2	$ 7.46	$ 7.46	$ 7.16
DURABLE GOODS	312.58	322.56	296.21	40.7	42.0	40.3	7.68	7.68	7.35
Lumber & Wood Products	266.67	268.38	241.19	40.9	41.1	39.8	6.52	6.53	6.06
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	263.86	260.16	241.90	41.1	41.1	41.0	6.42	6.33	5.90
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	287.43	290.14	261.00	39.7	39.8	37.5	7.24	7.29	6.96
Furniture & Fixtures	264.32	274.72	252.25	39.1	40.4	39.6	6.76	6.80	6.37
Household Furniture	262.75	273.78	250.67	39.1	40.5	39.6	6.72	6.76	6.33
Wood Household Furniture	253.09	261.46	242.35	39.3	40.6	39.6	6.44	6.44	6.12
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	334.46	338.06	318.16	41.6	42.1	41.0	8.04	8.03	7.76
Structural Clay Products	280.22	282.81	262.17	41.7	42.4	40.9	6.72	6.67	6.41
Primary Metal Industries	377.50	374.52	355.32	42.8	42.9	42.1	8.82	8.73	8.44
Fabricated Metal Products	328.75	345.03	322.60	41.3	43.4	41.2	7.96	7.95	7.83
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	341.95	379.55	343.61	41.1	44.6	41.2	8.32	8.51	8.34
Special Industry Machinery	333.56	348.73	319.07	41.8	43.7	41.6	7.98	7.98	7.67
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	354.60	361.25	332.73	40.9	42.4	39.8	8.67	8.52	8.36
Household Appliances	276.00	268.46	254.41	40.0	40.8	36.5	6.90	6.58	6.97
Transportation Equipment	370.14	371.42	351.31	43.7	43.8	43.0	8.47	8.48	8.17
NONDURABLE GOODS	293.53	298.25	271.04	40.1	40.8	38.5	7.32	7.31	7.04
Food & Kindred Products	273.73	269.47	254.34	41.1	40.4	40.5	6.66	6.67	6.28
Meat Products	233.29	221.73	214.65	41.0	38.9	40.5	5.69	5.70	5.30
Meat Packing	325.71	333.63	333.94	42.3	42.5	43.2	7.70	7.85	7.73
Dairy Products	284.34	291.79	271.76	42.0	43.1	43.0	6.77	6.77	6.32
Grain Mill Products	339.71	321.01	300.66	46.6	44.4	43.7	7.29	7.23	6.88
Bakery Products	283.29	292.99	276.98	39.9	41.5	39.4	7.10	7.06	7.03
Beverages	505.25	566.43	459.88	43.0	47.4	42.7	11.75	11.95	10.77
Tobacco Manufacturers	479.89	487.87	453.87	36.3	37.1	36.9	13.22	13.15	12.30
Cigarettes	549.03	554.94	517.72	36.7	36.8	37.3	14.96	15.08	13.88
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	190.85	209.17	184.79	34.7	38.1	34.8	5.50	5.49	5.31
Textile Mill Products	266.90	272.17	242.82	40.5	41.3	38.3	6.59	6.59	6.34
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	284.26	298.25	275.41	39.1	40.8	39.4	7.27	7.31	6.99
Weaving Mills, Cotton	279.75	296.00	280.40	37.5	40.0	40.0	7.46	7.40	7.01
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	289.57	301.07	270.44	40.9	41.7	38.8	7.08	7.22	6.97
Knitting Mills	243.54	241.96	216.22	39.6	39.6	36.4	6.15	6.11	5.94
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	236.34	241.00	214.97	39.0	40.1	37.0	6.06	6.01	5.81
Hosiery, NEC	224.03	210.75	201.37	37.4	35.6	34.6	5.99	5.92	5.82
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	277.20	281.22	224.38	42.0	43.0	35.9	6.60	6.54	6.25
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	305.27	317.86	281.78	44.5	46.0	42.5	6.86	6.91	6.63
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	287.04	301.46	261.76	41.3	43.5	39.6	6.95	6.93	6.61
Yarn & Thread Mills	269.24	274.96	230.83	42.4	43.3	38.6	6.35	6.35	5.98
Apparel & Other Textile Products	196.42	200.85	183.24	37.7	38.7	36.0	5.21	5.19	5.09
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	195.57	202.16	179.57	36.9	38.0	34.6	5.30	5.32	5.19
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	186.58	184.95	174.60	38.0	37.9	36.0	4.91	4.88	4.85
Paper & Allied Products	515.25	520.07	485.32	45.0	45.5	44.2	11.45	11.43	10.98
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	659.58	661.07	604.66	45.9	46.1	45.6	14.37	14.34	13.26
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	378.84	383.04	341.91	45.1	45.6	43.5	8.40	8.40	7.86
Printing & Publishing	334.17	354.32	310.83	39.5	41.2	39.0	8.46	8.60	7.97
Newspapers	258.85	274.32	273.73	31.3	33.7	33.3	8.27	8.14	8.22
Chemicals & Allied Products	414.54	411.03	387.04	42.0	42.2	41.0	9.87	9.74	9.44
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	456.42	455.99	441.41	42.3	42.3	42.2	10.79	10.78	10.46
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	378.84	385.81	367.43	41.0	41.8	41.1	9.24	9.23	8.94
MINING	371.91	376.27	339.95	45.3	46.4	42.6	8.21	8.12	7.98
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	480.57	488.22	457.56	41.5	41.8	41.0	11.58	11.68	11.16
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	202.77	203.23	191.75	32.6	33.1	31.8	6.22	6.14	6.03
Wholesale Trade	314.42	311.65	296.79	39.6	39.6	39.0	7.94	7.87	7.61
Retail Trade	171.36	174.58	162.71	30.6	31.4	29.8	5.60	5.56	5.46
General Merchandise Stores	153.15	168.77	142.18	27.3	30.3	27.5	5.61	5.57	5.17
Food Stores	183.29	184.60	194.63	32.1	32.5	33.1	5.71	5.68	5.78
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	131.16	138.40	136.19	28.7	29.7	30.4	4.57	4.66	4.48
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	194.90	196.56	186.02	35.5	36.0	35.5	5.49	5.46	5.24

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
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NORTH CAROLINA
STATE LABOR SUMMARY
February, 1986

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT CLIMBS OVER THE MONTH: North Carolina's total employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 2,978,500 in the middle of February, 1986, a net monthly gain of 17,300 persons (+0.6 percent). The State's seasonally adjusted total employment was estimated at 3,032,000 in mid-February of this year, a significant net monthly increase of 12,000 workers (+0.4 percent).

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT FALLS SLIGHTLY IN FEBRUARY: In mid-February, 1986, manufacturing employment in the State was estimated to be 823,800, a monthly decline of 1,800 people (-0.2 percent). Employment in the durable goods sector dropped by 300 people (-0.1 percent) with the electrical machinery industry group suffering the largest net over-the-month loss, down by 500 workers(-0.8 percent). The transportation equipment industry enjoyed a modest gain of 200 employees (+0.9 percent) over the month. The nondurable goods sector accounted for the balance of the employment loss in manufacturing with a net monthly decrease of 1,400 persons (-0.3 percent). Most of the decrease occurred in tobacco, which sustained a seasonal decline of 1,100 workers (-4.2 percent). All of the loss in tobacco occurred in tobacco stemming and redrying. Employment in apparel and related products also fell by 600 workers (-0.7 percent), with women and children's garments down by 700. On the positive side in nondurables, the printing and publishing industry group added 400 people (+1.5 percent) from January to February of this year.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT RECORDS NOTICEABLE GROWTH: In the middle of February of this year, North Carolina's nonmanufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 1,850,500, a net monthly increase of 6,900 persons (+0.4 percent). Although seasonal losses were evident over the month in construction (-1,200) and total trade (-1,500), with retail trade losing 2,300 workers, the employment decreases were more than offset by surges in service and miscellaneous (+4,100) and total government (+4,500). Within the service industry, hotels and other lodging places added 200 people and personal services picked up 500. Employment increased by 3,000 in state government and rose by 1,600 in local government.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES IN FEBRUARY: Total unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 180,600 as of the middle of February, 1986, a net monthly drop of 4,900 people (-2.6 percent). As a result, the unadjusted rate of unemployment fell from 5.9 percent this January to 5.7 percent this February. North Carolina's seasonally adjusted total unemployment in mid-February of this year was estimated to be 168,000, a net over-the-month decrease of 10,000 persons (-5.6 percent). Consequently, the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment dropped from 5.6 percent to 5.2 percent during the same time period. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 7.8 percent this February and 7.3 percent this January. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 7.3 percent in February, 1986, and 6.7 percent in January, 1986.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force 1/

	February, 1986	January, 1986	February, 1985 2/
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,159,100	3,146,700	3,017,200
Employment	2,978,500	2,961,200	2,816,100
Unemployment	180,600	185,500	210,100
Unemployment Rate	5.7	5.9	6.7
(Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,200,000	3,198,000	3,056,000
Employment	3,032,000	3,020,000	2,869,000
Unemployment	168,000	178,000	187,000
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.6	6.1
National Rate (Unadjusted)	7.8	7.3	7.8
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.3	6.7	7.3

1/ Data compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
2/ Revised.

BOTH AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS DOWN SLIGHTLY: From mid-January to mid-February of this year, the average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers fell by 1¢ an hour to $7.44. Employees in the durable goods sector, however, experienced a modest net monthly increase of 2¢ an hour (+0.3 percent) to reach $7.66. Hourly earnings of employees in three of the industry groups in durable goods advanced by 9¢ an hour over-the-month. The industries included stone, clay, and glass; primary metals; and electrical machinery. The nondurable goods sector's workers suffered a loss of 3¢ an hour over the month, dropping to $7.29 this February. The only nondurable goods industry group to realize a significant net monthly increase was tobacco manufacturing, up by 29¢ an hour (+2.2 percent) to $13.49. Workers in apparel and rubber followed with increases of just 1¢ an hour each. The average weekly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees sustained a decrease of $4.87 (-1.6 percent) over the month, declining to $296.86. Average weekly hours which stood at 39.9 in February, 1986, were down by 0.6 of an hour.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS CONTINUES TO GROW: There were 193,320 active job applicants registered for work with the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina at the end of February of this year, a net monthly jump of 9,611 persons (+5.2 percent). The twenty-two to thirty-nine segment was the largest applicant segment by age with 119,964 or 62.1 percent of the total. Following was the forty to fifty-four sector which had 32,939 or 17.0 percent, and the fifty-five and over age group registered the lowest number of active applicants with 10,186 or only 5.3 percent of the total. Most of the active applicants were females, numbering 98,381 or 50.9 percent of the total. Whites who were not Hispanic made up the largest ethnic group with a count of 108,564 or 56.2 percent of the total. The next table gives more data from the Statewide active applicant file as of February 28, 1986.

Statewide Active Applicant File
February 28, 1986

	Number	Percent
Total	193,320	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	30,231	15.6
22 - 39	119,964	62.1
40 - 54	32,939	17.0
55 and Over	10,186	5.3
Sex		
Male	94,939	49.1
Female	98,381	50.9
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	108,564	56.2
Black, not Hispanic	79,684	41.2
Hispanic	1,233	0.6
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,924	1.5
Other Races and Undetermined	915	0.5
Eligible Claimant	78,336	40.5
Veteran	35,208	18.2
Handicapped	12,736	6.6
Welfare	27,677	14.3
Seasonal Farmworker	2,244	1.2

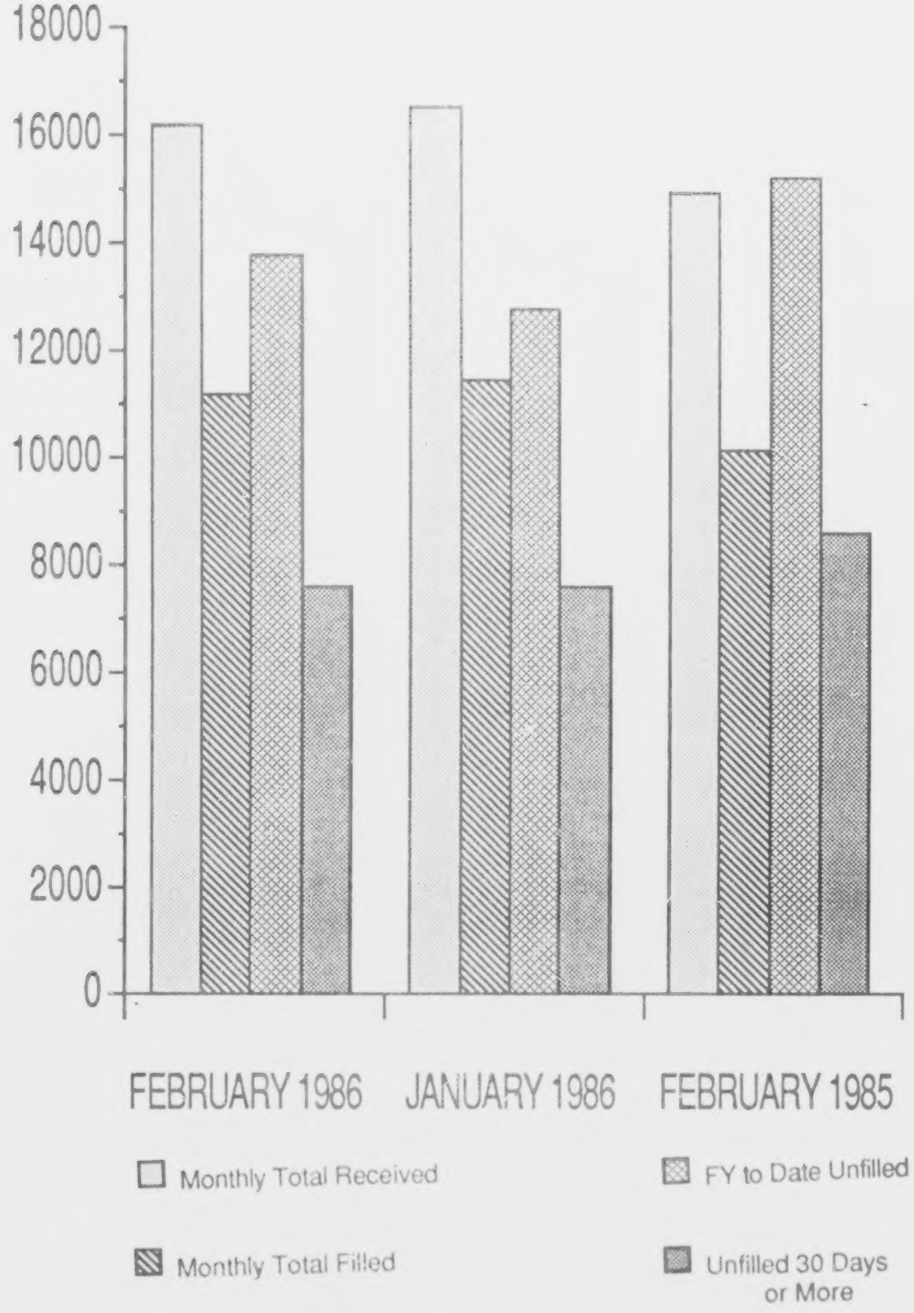
THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS FALLS SLIGHTLY OVER THE MONTH: There were 16,173 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the State during February, 1986, a small net over-the-month drop of 289 (-1.8 percent). A large percentage of those openings was filled (69.4 percent or 11,222). The largest number of job openings this February occurred in the service group which had 3,698. Of these 1,975 or 53.4 percent were filled. The miscellaneous category recorded 2,385 job openings received and 1,984 or 83.2 percent filled. Following were job openings in clerical occupations with 1,992 received in February and 1,205 or 60.5 percent filled. Processing had the lowest number of job openings for the month with just 569, but most of them were filled (486 or 85.4 percent). From July 1, 1985, through February 28, 1986, there were 174,468 job openings received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina. A high percentage of those openings was filled (79.8 percent or 139,160). As of February 28, 1986, there were 13,791 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file and over half (7,650 or 55.5 percent) had been on file for thirty days or more indicating they were hard-to-fill. The following table provides additional information on the State's job openings for February, 1986, and for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1985, through February 28, 1986).

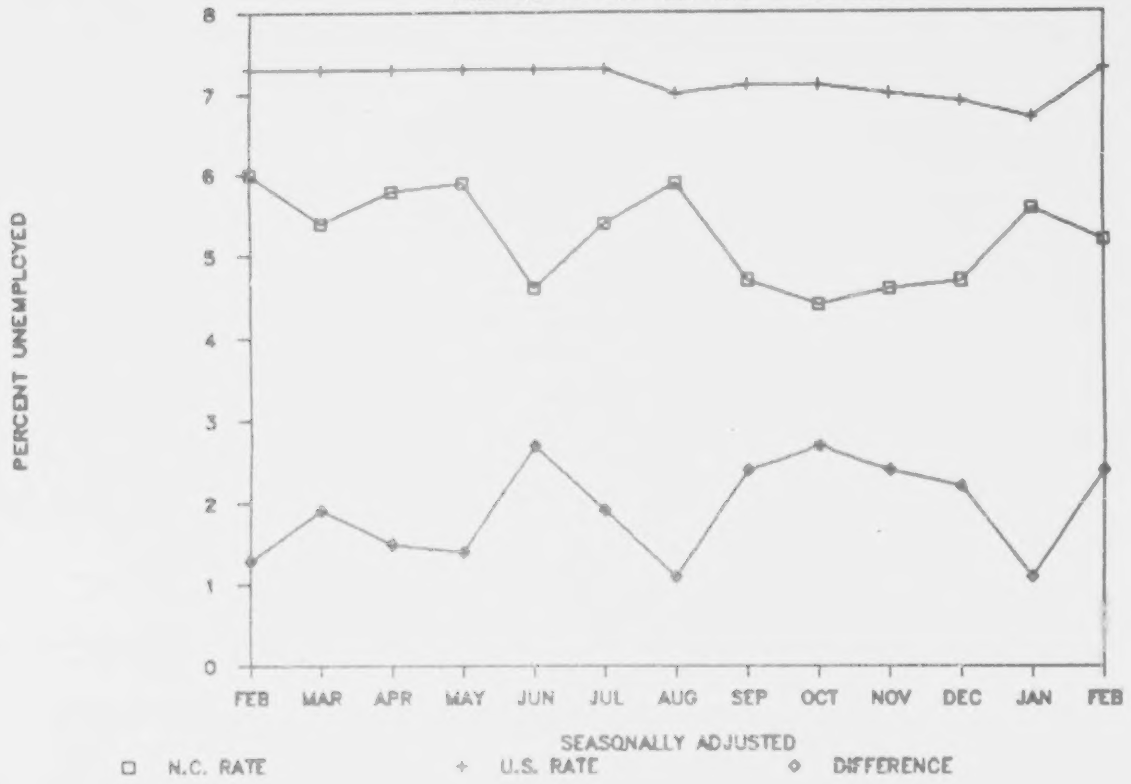
Statewide Job Openings Data

	February, 1986		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of Feb. 28, 1986	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	870	331	7,247	3,480	1,587	1,011
Clerical	1,992	1,205	19,509	13,211	1,698	870
Sales	632	250	6,658	3,949	837	485
Service	3,698	1,975	28,587	21,097	3,418	1,518
Domestic	1,164	121	2,896	1,536	1,099	74
Other Services	2,534	1,854	25,691	19,561	2,319	1,444
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	748	667	29,541	29,142	280	173
Processing	569	486	7,225	6,568	235	124
Machine Trades	1,452	1,071	11,766	8,720	1,326	753
Bench Work	1,849	1,725	15,832	13,938	1,252	760
Structural Work	1,978	1,528	23,397	18,169	1,779	1,144
Miscellaneous	2,385	1,984	24,706	20,886	1,379	812
Motor Freight and Transp.	382	238	4,020	2,696	351	186
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	1,965	1,720	20,120	17,790	983	595
Other	38	26	566	400	45	31
Total	16,173	11,222	174,468	139,160	13,791	7,650

1/ July 1, 1985, through February 28, 1986.

NORTH CAROLINA JOB OPENINGS DATA





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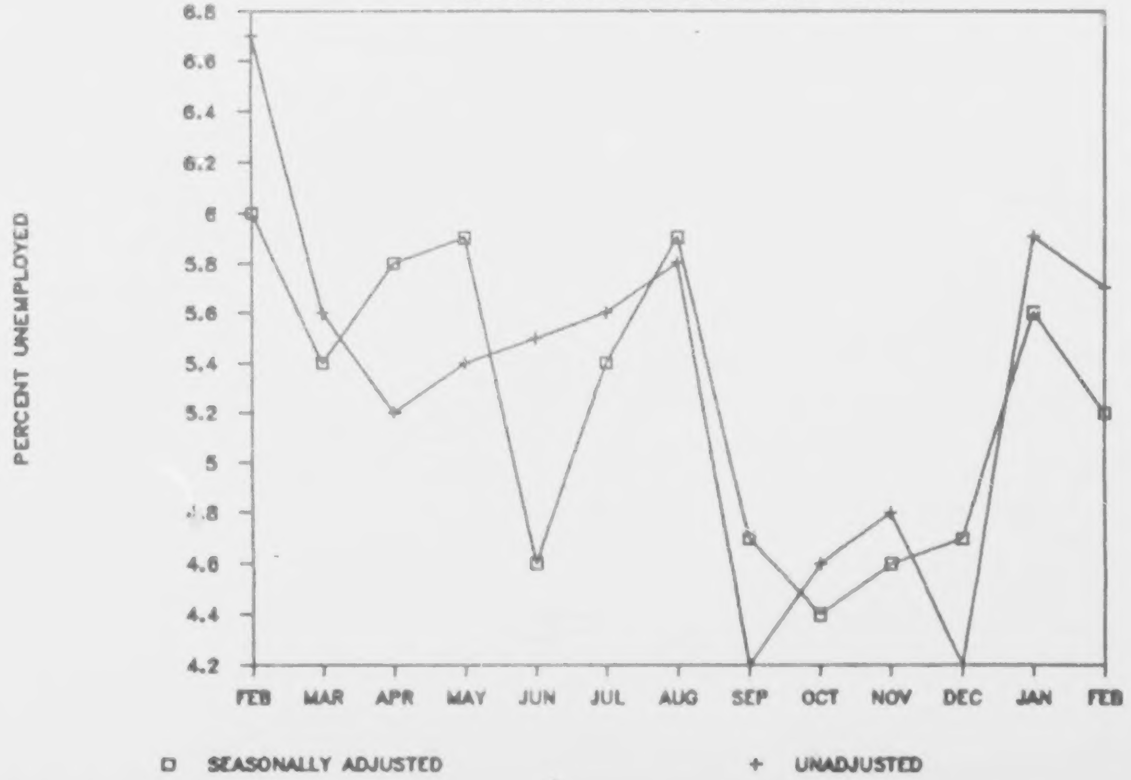

NORTH CAROLINA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

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COMPOSITION OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA

FEBRUARY 1986

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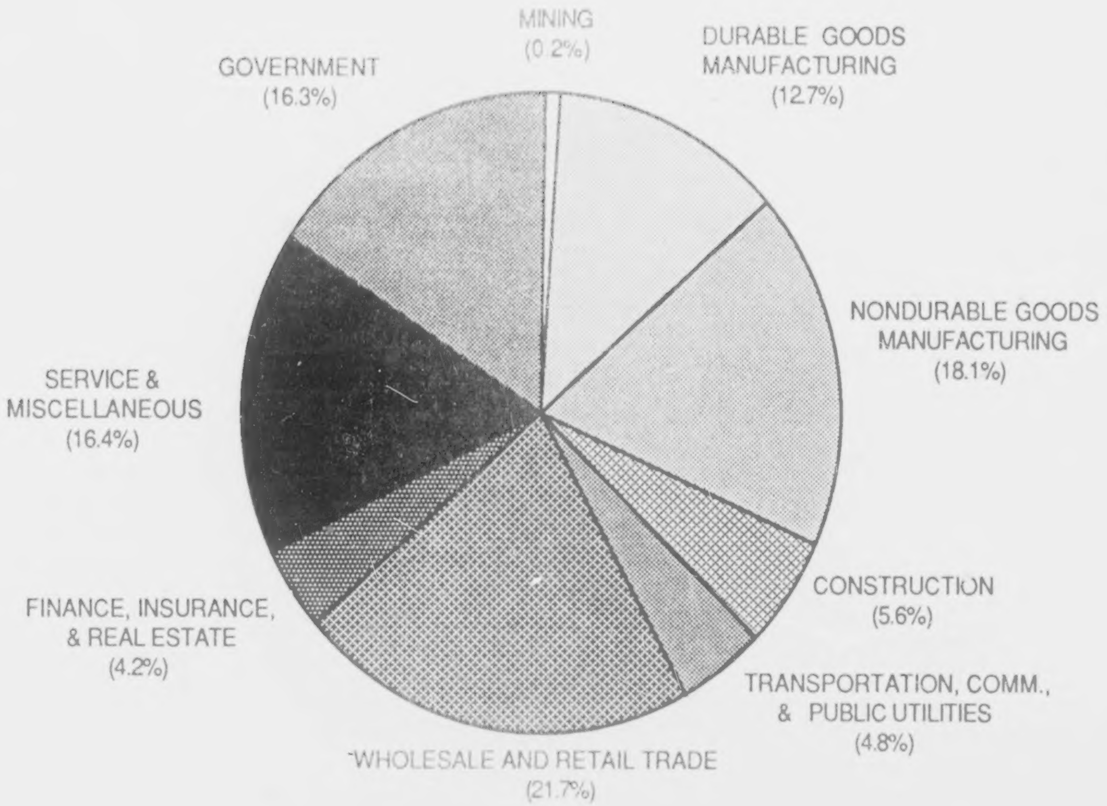

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

February, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	February 1986 (Thous.)	January* 1986 (Thous.)	February* 1985 (Thous.)	January 1986	February 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,674.3	2,699.2	2,594.1	+ 0.2	+ 3.1
MANUFACTURING	823.8	825.6	826.1	- 0.2	- 0.3
DURABLE GOODS	339.5	339.8	341.2	- 0.1	- 0.5
Lumber & Wood Products	35.5	35.5	35.7	0	- 0.6
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.6	11.9	12.3	- 2.5	- 5.7
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.4	8.3	8.6	+ 1.2	- 2.3
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.4	5.5	4.7	- 1.8	+14.9
Furniture & Fixtures	85.2	85.1	85.9	+ 0.1	- 0.8
Household Furniture	75.4	75.2	76.1	+ 0.3	- 0.9
Wood Household Furniture	37.5	37.2	38.4	+ 0.8	- 2.3
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.4	31.5	31.4	- 0.3	0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.4	19.3	19.2	+ 0.5	+ 1.0
Structural Clay Products	2.5	2.5	2.4	0	+ 4.2
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.5	5.5	5.2	0	+ 5.8
Primary Metal Industries	10.7	10.7	10.5	0	+ 1.9
Fabricated Metal Products	26.4	26.6	26.9	- 0.8	- 1.9
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.2	8.3	8.4	- 1.2	- 2.4
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	56.5	56.6	58.2	- 0.2	- 2.9
Special Industry Machinery	6.9	7.0	7.4	- 1.4	- 6.8
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	65.2	65.7	65.7	- 0.8	- 0.8
Household Appliances	5.4	5.3	4.8	+ 1.9	+12.5
Transportation Equipment	23.7	23.5	22.4	+ 0.9	+ 5.8
Other Durable Goods 2/	16.8	16.9	16.6	- 0.6	+ 1.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	484.4	485.8	484.9	- 0.3	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	45.9	45.8	43.8	+ 0.2	+ 4.8
Meat Products	20.1	19.6	18.3	+ 2.6	+ 9.8
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.5	2.5	+ 4.0	+ 4.0
Dairy Products	3.0	3.0	2.9	0	+ 3.4
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	7.6	7.7	7.7	- 1.3	- 1.3
Beverages	5.9	5.9	5.7	0	+ 3.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.0	26.1	25.1	- 4.2	- 0.4
Cigarettes	20.5	20.4	20.2	+ 0.5	+ 1.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.0	5.1	4.4	-21.6	- 9.1
Textile Mill Products	205.1	205.2	209.1	**	- 1.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	53.5	54.3	59.2	- 1.5	- 9.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	28.2	28.7	31.1	- 1.7	- 9.3
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.7	25.0	27.5	- 1.2	-10.2
Knitting Mills	75.2	74.7	73.4	+ 0.7	+ 2.5
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.0	24.9	24.3	+ 0.4	+ 2.9
Hosiery, NEC	22.9	22.6	22.6	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	12.8	12.6	12.0	+ 1.6	+ 6.7
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.0	6.1	6.1	- 1.6	- 1.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.2	14.2	14.2	0	0
Yarn & Thread Mills	48.3	48.2	48.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.2

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

February, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	February 1986 (Thous.)	January* 1986 (Thous.)	February* 1985 (Thous.)	January 1986	February 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.3	88.9	86.2	- 0.7	+ 2.4
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	30.3	30.0	28.9	+ 1.0	+ 4.8
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.7	38.4	38.4	- 1.8	- 1.8
Paper & Allied Products	22.3	22.5	22.7	- 0.9	- 1.8
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.9	11.0	11.4	- 0.9	- 4.4
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.5	7.6	7.6	- 1.3	- 1.3
Printing & Publishing	27.4	27.0	25.7	+ 1.5	+ 6.6
Newspapers	9.8	9.7	9.3	+ 1.0	+ 5.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.0	36.9	37.7	+ 0.3	- 1.9
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.0	13.0	13.3	0	- 2.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.0	29.1	30.4	- 0.3	- 4.6
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.4	4.4	4.2	0	+ 4.8
NONMANUFACTURING	1,850.5	1,843.6	1,768.0	+ 0.4	+ 4.7
MINING	4.5	4.6	4.6	- 2.2	- 2.2
CONSTRUCTION	149.7	150.9	136.1	- 0.8	+10.0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	129.1	128.3	126.0	+ 0.6	+ 2.5
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	69.9	69.2	67.6	+ 1.0	+ 3.4
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.7	54.6	53.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	580.7	582.2	556.9	- 0.3	+ 4.3
Wholesale Trade	138.3	137.5	134.8	+ 0.6	+ 2.6
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	84.2	83.4	81.7	+ 1.0	+ 3.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	54.1	54.0	53.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
Retail Trade	442.4	444.7	422.1	- 0.5	+ 4.8
General Merchandise Stores	58.3	60.4	55.2	- 3.5	+ 5.6
Food Stores	71.2	71.3	69.6	- 0.1	+ 2.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	111.6	111.4	105.2	+ 0.2	+ 6.1
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	437.7	433.6	410.1	+ 0.9	+ 6.7
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.1	24.9	21.9	+ 0.8	+14.6
Personal Services	28.1	27.6	26.0	+ 1.8	+ 8.1
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.6	11.6	11.0	0	+ 5.5
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	437.2	432.7	429.0	+ 1.0	+ 1.9
Federal	52.5	52.6	50.3	- 0.2	+ 4.4
State	127.7	14.7	128.3	+ 2.4	- 0.5
Education	68.0	65.1	68.1	+ 4.5	- 0.1
Other	59.7	59.6	60.2	+ 0.2	- 0.8
Local	257.0	255.4	250.4	+ 0.6	+ 2.6
Education	137.6	136.8	136.3	+ 0.6	+ 1.0
Other	119.4	18.6	114.1	+ 0.7	+ 4.6

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

* Revised.

** Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

February, 1986
Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	February 1986 (Thous.)	January* 1986 (Thous.)	February* 1985 (Thous.)	January 1986	February 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,706.6	2,702.7	2,623.9	+ 0.1	+ 3.2
MANUFACTURING	829.9	831.5	831.5	- 0.2	- 0.2
DURABLE GOODS	341.2	341.8	342.2	- 0.2	- 0.3
Lumber & Wood Products	36.2	36.2	36.4	0	- 0.5
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.9	12.2	12.6	- 2.5	- 5.6
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.5	8.4	8.7	+ 1.2	- 2.3
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.6	5.7	4.9	- 1.8	+14.3
Furniture & Fixtures	84.8	84.3	84.8	+ 0.6	0
Household Furniture	75.0	74.5	75.7	+ 0.7	- 0.9
Wood Household Furniture	37.7	37.2	38.5	+ 1.3	- 2.1
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.4	31.4	31.4	0	0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.8	19.8	19.6	0	+ 1.0
Structural Clay Products	2.8	2.7	2.6	+ 3.7	+ 7.7
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.7	5.7	5.4	0	+ 5.6
Primary Metal Industries	10.8	10.8	10.6	0	+ 1.9
Fabricated Metal Products	26.7	26.7	27.2	0	- 1.8
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.4	8.4	8.6	0	- 2.3
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	56.8	56.9	58.5	- 0.2	- 2.9
Special Industry Machinery	6.9	6.9	7.4	0	- 6.8
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	65.5	66.4	66.0	- 1.4	- 0.8
Household Appliances	6.1	5.9	5.4	+ 3.4	+13.0
Transportation Equipment	23.7	23.7	22.4	0	+ 5.8
Other Durable Goods 2/	16.9	17.0	16.7	- 0.6	+ 1.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	488.7	489.7	489.3	- 0.2	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	46.9	46.7	44.8	+ 0.4	+ 4.7
Meat Products	20.2	19.8	18.3	+ 2.0	+10.4
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.5	2.5	+ 4.0	+ 4.0
Dairy Products	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 3.3
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	7.7	7.8	7.8	- 1.3	- 1.3
Beverages	6.1	6.0	5.9	+ 1.7	+ 3.4
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.8	25.9	25.9	- 0.4	- 0.4
Cigarettes	20.6	20.3	20.3	+ 1.5	+ 1.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.6	5.0	5.1	- 8.0	- 9.8
Textile Mill Products	206.8	207.1	210.8	- 0.1	- 1.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	53.9	54.4	59.6	- 0.9	- 9.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	28.3	28.5	31.2	- 0.7	- 9.3
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.9	25.1	27.8	- 0.8	-10.4
Knitting Mills	75.9	75.9	74.1	0	+ 2.4
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.2	25.0	24.5	+ 0.8	+ 2.9
Hosiery, NEC	23.1	23.2	22.8	- 0.4	+ 1.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.0	12.9	12.1	+ 0.8	+ 7.4
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.1	6.2	6.2	- 1.6	- 1.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.3	14.4	14.3	- 0.7	0
Yarn & Thread Mills	48.6	48.3	48.5	+ 0.6	+ 0.2

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

February, 1986

Seasonally Adjusted

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Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.9	89.7	86.8	- 0.9	+ 2.4
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	30.4	30.2	29.0	+ 0.7	+ 4.8
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.9	38.8	38.6	- 2.3	- 1.8
Paper & Allied Products	22.2	22.3	22.6	- 0.4	- 1.8
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.7	10.8	11.2	- 0.9	- 4.5
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.5	7.6	7.6	- 1.3	- 1.3
Printing & Publishing	27.1	26.7	25.5	+ 1.5	+ 6.3
Newspapers	9.8	9.7	9.3	+ 1.0	+ 5.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.1	37.1	37.8	0	- 1.9
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.0	13.0	13.3	0	- 2.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.4	29.7	30.8	- 1.0	- 4.5
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.5	4.3	0	+ 4.7
NONMANUFACTURING	1,876.7	1,871.2	1,792.4	+ 0.3	+ 4.7
MINING	4.6	4.8	4.7	- 4.2	- 2.1
CONSTRUCTION	160.1	161.2	145.6	- 0.7	+10.0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	130.0	129.9	126.9	+ 0.1	+ 2.4
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	70.7	70.5	68.4	+ 0.3	+ 3.4
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.0	54.7	53.9	+ 0.5	+ 2.0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	596.0	590.2	571.7	+ 1.0	+ 4.3
Wholesale Trade	140.4	139.	136.9	+ 0.9	+ 2.6
Wholesale Trade–Durable Goods	84.5	83.8	82.0	+ 0.8	+ 3.0
Wholesale Trade–Nondurable Goods	55.9	55.4	54.9	+ 0.9	+ 1.8
Retail Trade	455.6	451.0	434.8	+ 1.0	+ 4.8
General Merchandise Stores	60.5	59.9	57.3	+ 1.0	+ 5.6
Food Stores	72.2	71.5	70.6	+ 0.9	+ 2.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	112.6	112.5	106.1	+ 0.1	+ 6.1
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	445.3	442.4	417.4	+ 0.7	+ 6.7
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	28.0	28.2	24.5	- 0.7	+14.3
Personal Services	27.3	27.0	25.3	+ 1.1	+ 7.9
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.7	11.6	11.1	+ 0.9	+ 5.4
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	428.1	430.2	420.0	- 0.5	+ 1.9
Federal	52.9	52.9	50.7	0	+ 4.3
State	124.4	126.6	125.1	- 1.7	- 0.6
Education	64.0	66.1	64.2	- 3.2	- 0.3
Other	60.4	60.5	60.9	- 0.2	- 0.8
Local	250.8	250.7	244.2	+ 0.04	+ 2.7
Education	129.9	130.2	128.7	- 0.2	+ 0.9
Other	120.9	120.5	115.5	+ 0.3	+ 4.7

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

* Revised.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

February, 1986

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	February 1986	January* 1986	February* 1985	January 1986	February 1985
MANUFACTURING	651.7	653.1	656.3	- 0.2	- 0.7
DURABLE GOODS	256.6	256.7	258.8	**	- 0.9
Lumber & Wood Products	30.5	30.4	30.7	+ 0.3	- 0.7
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.3	7.2	7.5	+ 1.4	- 2.7
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.4	4.4	3.7	0	+ 18.9
Furniture & Fixtures	75.3	75.3	76.7	0	- 1.8
Household Furniture	67.2	67.1	68.5	+ 0.1	- 1.9
Wood Household Furniture	34.4	34.2	35.4	+ 0.6	- 2.8
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.8	15.7	15.9	+ 0.6	- 0.6
Structural Clay Products	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 5.3
Primary Metal Industries	8.0	8.0	8.0	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	19.7	19.8	20.0	- 0.5	- 1.5
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	28.3	28.3	28.6	0	- 1.0
Special Industry Machinery	4.7	4.7	5.1	0	- 7.8
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	47.2	47.0	48.1	- 0.8	- 1.9
Household Appliances	4.7	4.7	4.2	0	+ 11.9
Transportation Equipment	19.0	18.9	18.1	+ 0.5	+ 5.0
NONDURABLE GOODS	395.2	396.4	397.5	- 0.3	- 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	32.2	32.1	30.2	+ 0.3	+ 6.6
Meat Products	17.8	17.3	16.1	+ 2.9	+ 10.6
Meat Packing	1.9	1.8	1.8	+ 5.6	+ 5.6
Dairy Products	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+ 7.1
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Bakery Products	4.3	4.3	4.3	0	0
Beverages	2.3	2.4	2.2	- 4.2	+ 4.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	19.3	20.2	19.6	- 4.5	- 1.5
Cigarettes	16.1	16.1	16.0	0	+ 0.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.6	3.6	3.2	- 27.8	- 18.8
Textile Mill Products	181.2	181.3	185.2	- 0.1	- 2.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	47.3	47.8	52.4	- 1.0	- 9.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton	24.7	25.1	27.6	- 1.6	- 10.5
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	22.1	22.3	24.4	- 0.9	- 9.4
Knitting Mills	66.5	66.1	65.0	+ 0.6	+ 2.3
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.5	22.4	22.0	+ 0.4	+ 2.3
Hosiery, NEC	20.7	20.5	20.6	+ 1.0	+ 0.5
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	10.8	10.6	10.0	+ 1.9	+ 8.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.2	5.3	5.2	- 1.9	0
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.0	12.0	11.9	0	+ 0.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	43.9	43.8	44.1	+ 0.2	- 0.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.4	78.0	76.4	- 0.8	+ 1.3
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	26.7	26.5	26.1	+ 0.8	+ 2.3
Women's & Children's Garments	32.8	33.4	33.7	- 1.8	- 2.7
Paper & Allied Products	16.7	16.9	17.0	- 1.2	- 1.8
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	8.0	8.0	8.3	0	- 3.6
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.7	5.8	5.7	- 1.7	0
Printing & Publishing	17.0	16.8	16.3	+ 1.2	+ 4.3
Newspapers	3.7	3.6	3.6	+ 2.8	+ 2.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	24.0	23.9	24.4	+ 0.4	- 1.6
Plastic Materials & Synthetics	8.9	8.9	9.1	0	- 2.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	23.7	23.7	24.9	0	- 4.8
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.6	3.6	3.5	0	+ 2.9

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products."

* Revised.

** Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

February, 1986

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb. 1986	Jan.* 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Jan.* 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Jan.* 1986	Feb. 1985
MANUFACTURING	$296.86	$301.73	$279.36	39.9	40.5	38.8	$ 7.44	$ 7.45	$ 7.20
DURABLE GOODS	308.70	314.00	293.72	40.3	41.1	39.8	7.66	7.64	7.38
Lumber & Wood Products	257.40	261.79	239.07	39.6	40.4	39.0	6.50	6.48	6.13
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	264.73	262.86	240.59	41.3	41.2	40.3	6.41	6.38	5.97
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	270.34	275.48	259.88	37.6	38.8	37.5	7.19	7.10	6.93
Furniture & Fixtures	259.78	267.42	243.59	38.6	39.5	38.3	6.73	6.77	6.36
Household Furniture	259.29	265.84	241.04	38.7	39.5	38.2	6.70	6.73	6.31
Wood Household Furniture	249.95	258.24	230.89	39.3	40.1	38.1	6.36	6.44	6.16
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	329.27	332.83	309.32	40.6	41.5	40.7	8.11	8.02	7.60
Structural Clay Products	277.89	279.39	260.42	41.6	41.7	41.6	6.68	6.70	6.26
Primary Metal Industries	382.80	379.76	359.97	43.5	43.6	42.3	8.80	8.71	8.51
Fabricated Metal Products	324.41	333.63	323.11	40.5	41.6	40.9	8.01	8.02	7.90
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	349.43	351.96	346.09	41.5	42.1	41.9	8.42	8.36	8.26
Special Industry Machinery	323.49	332.27	324.59	41.0	41.9	42.1	7.89	7.93	7.71
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	353.94	357.01	333.72	41.3	42.1	39.4	8.57	8.48	8.47
Household Appliances	272.84	276.62	260.88	39.6	40.5	36.9	6.89	6.83	7.07
Transportation Equipment	355.74	363.72	342.76	42.4	43.3	41.8	8.39	8.40	8.20
NONDURABLE GOODS	288.68	293.53	270.46	39.6	40.1	38.2	7.29	7.32	7.08
Food & Kindred Products	268.66	274.39	242.14	40.4	41.2	37.6	6.65	6.66	6.44
Meat Products	229.20	234.11	191.68	40.0	41.0	35.3	5.73	5.71	5.43
Meat Packing	325.73	341.99	320.54	41.6	43.4	41.9	7.83	7.88	7.65
Dairy Products	291.90	286.12	271.99	42.8	42.2	42.9	6.82	6.78	6.34
Grain Mill Products	308.74	329.68	312.06	43.0	45.1	44.9	7.18	7.31	6.95
Bakery Products	288.75	291.01	287.58	40.9	40.7	41.2	7.06	7.15	6.98
Beverages	491.57	500.65	448.84	41.8	42.5	40.4	11.76	11.78	11.11
Tobacco Manufacturers	468.10	479.16	473.80	34.7	36.3	36.9	13.49	13.20	12.84
Cigarettes	517.38	549.03	523.92	34.7	36.7	37.0	14.91	14.96	14.16
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	204.03	190.30	196.57	35.3	34.6	36.2	5.78	5.50	5.43
Textile Mill Products	265.83	267.81	242.95	40.4	40.7	38.2	6.58	6.58	6.36
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	289.92	286.38	268.48	40.1	39.5	38.3	7.23	7.25	7.01
Weaving Mills, Cotton	300.12	279.32	268.61	41.0	37.9	38.1	7.32	7.37	7.05
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	278.78	293.34	269.43	39.1	41.2	38.6	7.13	7.12	6.98
Knitting Mills	240.47	245.17	215.65	39.1	39.8	36.8	6.15	6.16	5.86
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	227.84	240.98	200.84	38.1	39.7	35.8	5.98	6.07	5.61
Hosiery, NEC	227.29	225.90	211.12	37.2	37.4	36.4	6.11	6.04	5.80
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	273.73	276.60	231.58	41.6	42.1	36.7	6.58	6.57	6.31
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	301.00	308.67	266.67	44.2	44.8	40.9	6.81	6.89	6.52
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	280.03	278.64	275.40	41.0	40.5	40.8	6.83	6.88	6.75
Yarn & Thread Mills	267.54	270.94	236.07	42.0	42.6	38.7	6.37	6.36	6.10
Apparel & Other Textile Products	193.81	195.52	181.86	37.2	37.6	35.8	5.21	5.20	5.08
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	190.58	197.53	178.19	36.3	37.2	34.4	5.25	5.31	5.18
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	184.38	184.35	172.79	37.4	37.7	35.7	4.93	4.89	4.84
Paper & Allied Products	495.88	521.55	467.57	44.0	45.0	42.7	11.27	11.59	10.95
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	617.38	656.18	596.29	44.9	45.6	44.4	13.75	14.39	13.43
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	356.93	369.95	324.53	42.9	44.2	41.5	8.32	8.37	7.82
Printing & Publishing	325.47	333.78	317.96	38.7	39.5	39.4	8.41	8.45	8.07
Newspapers	258.74	258.23	277.35	31.4	31.3	33.7	8.24	8.25	8.23
Chemicals & Allied Products	398.45	405.98	395.73	40.7	41.3	41.7	9.79	9.83	9.49
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	440.26	455.76	451.54	41.3	42.2	42.8	10.66	10.80	10.55
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	379.25	380.69	363.94	41.0	41.2	40.8	9.25	9.24	8.92
MINING	346.76	375.92	341.48	42.6	45.9	42.9	8.14	8.19	7.96
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	487.47	485.55	457.77	41.7	41.5	40.7	11.69	11.70	11.10
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	200.91	201.50	191.68	32.3	32.5	32.0	6.22	6.20	5.99
Wholesale Trade	311.26	314.03	298.33	39.4	39.7	39.1	7.90	7.91	7.63
Retail Trade	169.68	170.19	162.84	30.3	30.5	30.1	5.60	5.58	5.41
General Merchandise Stores	152.61	150.14	144.87	27.3	27.2	27.7	5.59	5.52	5.23
Food Stores	182.08	185.02	191.81	32.0	31.9	32.9	5.69	5.80	5.83
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	137.47	134.44	140.22	29.5	29.1	31.3	4.66	4.62	4.48
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	190.99	193.60	188.14	34.6	35.2	35.1	5.52	5.50	5.36

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

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NORTH CAROLINA
STATE LABOR SUMMARY
March, 1986

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT DECLINES IN MARCH: As of mid-March of this year, total employment (not seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 2,951,400, a net over-the-month drop of 27,100 people (-0.9 percent). North Carolina's seasonally adjusted total employment was estimated to be 7,959,000 in the middle of March, 1986, a large net over-the-month decrease of 73,000 persons (-2.4 percent).

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT DECLINES SOMEWHAT OVER THE MONTH: North Carolina's manufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 823,900 as of the middle of March of this year, a net over-the-month decrease of 400 workers. The durable goods segment employment total fell by 800 persons (-0.2 percent) over the month to 338,000. The nonelectrical machinery industry group suffered the largest cutback in durable goods, falling by 700 people (-1.2 percent) over the month. Electrical machinery sustained a net monthly loss of 400 workers (-0.6 percent), with a drop of 100 occurring in household appliances. Furniture and fixtures dropped by 400 as well with the total loss taking place in household furniture. Employment in transportation equipment, however, rose by 500 over the month (+2.2 percent). The nondurable goods segment enjoyed a modest net monthly gain of 400 workers (+0.1 percent) to rise to 485,900 in March, 1986. In textile mill products, employment saw an increase of 900 (+0.4 percent) with an employment growth of 800 occurring in the knitting mills segment. Employment in chemicals grew by 400 over the month (+1.1 percent), with an increase of 100 workers taking place in plastics and synthetics. These increases were partially offset by the anticipated seasonal reduction of 700 workers (-2.8 percent) in tobacco manufacturing, with cigarettes losing 100 and stemming/redrying falling by 600.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES SIGNIFICANT GAIN: Nonmanufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 1,871,700 in mid-March, 1986, a net over-the-month jump of 21,000 workers (+1.1 percent). Six of the seven industry groups exhibited growth. The largest net monthly increase occurred in total trade (+8,300; +1.4 percent) with wholesale up by 1,800 and retail up by 6,500. The construction industry enjoyed a net over-the -month surge of 5,500 workers (+3.7 percent), and service and miscellaneous experienced a net monthly gain of 5,200 (+1.2 percent) as hotels and other lodging places grew by 800 and medical and other health services added 400.

UNADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT DOWN OVER THE MONTH: Statewide total unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 177,600 in mid-March of this year, a net over-the-month decrease of 3,000 persons (-1.7 percent). The unadjusted rate of unemployment, however, remained the same at 5.7 percent. Seasonally adjusted total unemployment in the State was estimated to be 182,000 as of the middle of March, 1986, a net monthly surge of 14,000 people (+8.3 percent). As a result, the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment rose from 5.2 percent in February, 1986, to 5.8 percent this March. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the nation were 7.5 percent in March, 1986, and 7.8 percent in February, 1986. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 7.2 percent this March and 7.3 percent this February.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force 1/

	March, 1986	February, 1986	March, 1986 2/
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,129,000	3,159,100	3,038,900
Employment	2,951,400	2,978,500	2,869,800
Unemployment	177,600	180,600	169,100
Unemployment Rate	5.7	5.7	5.6
(Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,141,000	3,200,000	3,052,000
Employment	2,959,000	3,032,000	2,880,000
Unemployment	182,000	168,000	172,000
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.2	5.6
National Rate (Unadjusted)	7.5	7.8	7.5
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.2	7.3	7.3

1/ Data compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
2/ Revised.

BOTH AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS RISE: The average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production employees rose by 3¢ an hour (+0.4 percent) to $7.48 from the middle of February to the middle of March, 1986. Workers in the durable goods segment also enjoyed a 3¢ an hour gain (+0.4 percent) to hit $7.72 during the same period. Workers in electrical machinery led the way in durable goods with a net monthly increase of 8¢ an hour (+0.9 percent) to reach $8.66 this March. Employees in furniture and fixtures followed with a net over-the-month advance of 7¢ an hour (+1.0 percent). The increase boosted hourly earnings to $6.83 in March, 1986. People working in the nondurable goods segment experienced a net monthly increase of 3¢ as hourly earnings rose to $7.32. Tobacco manufacturing workers earned $13.97 an hour in March which amounted to a net over-the-month gain of 48¢ an hour (+3.6 percent). Hourly earnings for printing industry employees averaged $8.47 an hour in March, up by 4¢ an hour (+0.5 percent) from February. From the middle of February to the middle of March, 1986, the average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers rose by $4.93 (+1.7 percent) to $301.44. In March of this year, average weekly hours were 40.3, up by 0.5 of an hour over the month.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS FALLS OVER THE MONTH: As of March 31, 1986, there were 184,620 active job applicants registered for work with the local Job Service offices across the state. The total represented a net over-the-month decline of 8,700 people (-4.5 percent). The largest applicant sector by age was the twenty-two to thirty-nine sector with 114,379 registered applicants or 62.0 percent of the total.

Applicants in the forty to fifty-four age group numbered 31,643 or 17.1 percent, and the twenty-one and under age group accounted for 29,026 registered applicants or 15.7 percent of the total. Females comprised the majority of the active applicants with a count of 93,492 or 50.6 percent of the total. The largest ethnic group was white, not Hispanic, numbering 102,772 or 55.7 percent of the total. The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's active applicant file at the end of March of this year.

Statewide Active Applicant File
March 31, 1986

	Number	Percent
Total	184,620	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	29,026	15.7
22 - 39	114,379	62.0
40 - 54	31,643	17.1
55 and Over	9,572	5.2
Sex		
Male	91,128	49.4
Female	93,492	50.6
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	102,772	55.7
Black, not Hispanic	76,886	41.6
Hispanic	1,195	0.6
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,871	1.6
Other Races and Undetermined	896	0.5
Eligible Claimant	74,765	40.5
Veteran	34,478	18.7
Handicapped	12,521	6.8
Welfare	27,454	14.9
Seasonal Farmworker	2,197	1.2

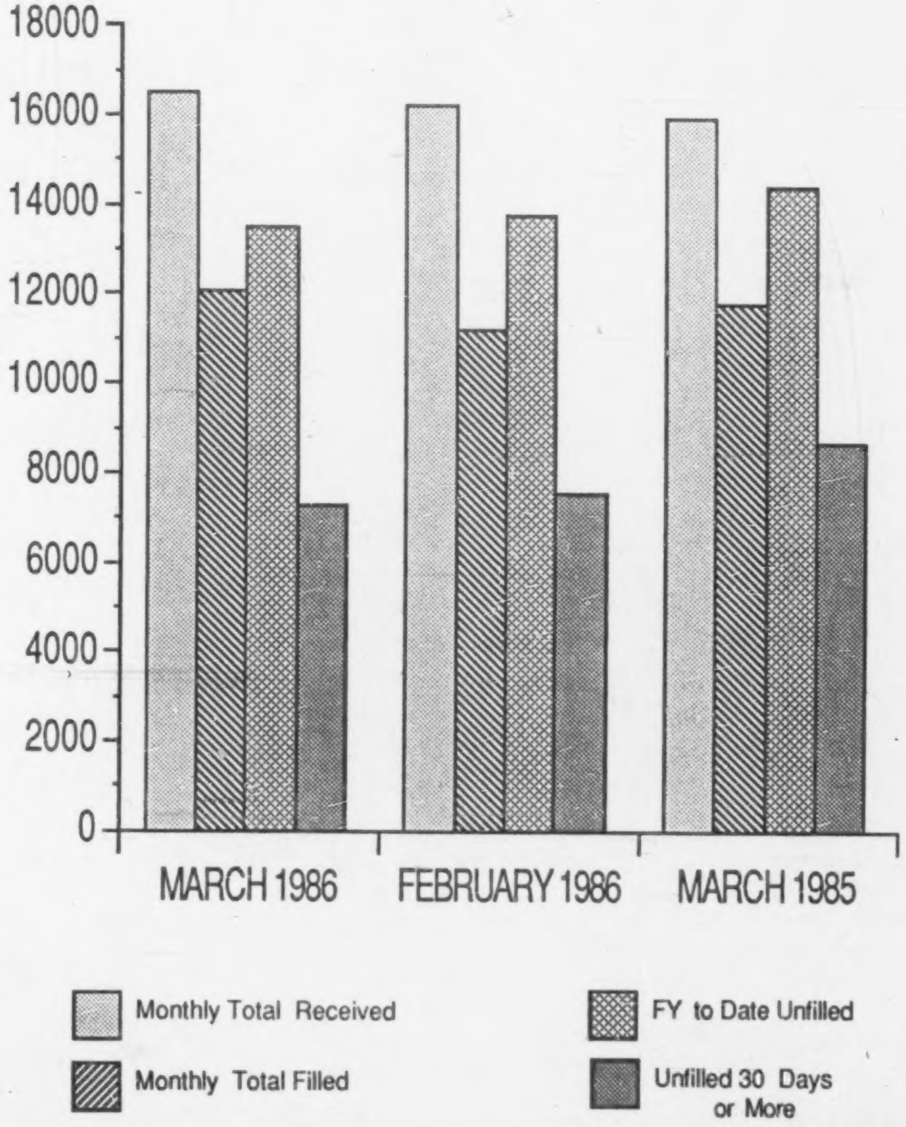
THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS INCREASES IN MARCH: During March of this year, 16,536 job openings were received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina, a net monthly gain of 363 (+2.2 percent). Almost three quarters of the job openings was filled (73.3 percent or 12,116). The miscellaneous category displayed the largest number of job openings in March with 2,728. Of these 2,093 or 76.7 percent were filled. Job openings in structural work occupations numbered 2,718 with 1,800 or 66.2 percent filled. The service group occupations followed with 2,529 job openings received of which 2,166 or 85.6 percent were filled. Processing recorded the fewest job openings with only 574; however, a very high percentage was filled (87.8 percent or 504). There were 191,004 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the State from July 1, 1985, through March 31, 1986. Most of those openings were filled (151,276 or 79.2 percent). There were 13,546 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file at the end of this March. More than half of those openings (7,300 or 53.9 percent) had been classified as hard-to-fill because they had been on file for thirty days or more. The next table gives more data on Statewide job openings for March, 1986, and for the fiscal year to data (July 1, 1985, through March 31, 1986).

Statewide Job Openings Data

	March, 1986		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of Mar, 31, 1986	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	819	320	8,066	3,800	1,613	1,099
Clerical	2,243	1,344	21,752	14,555	1,858	892
Sales	881	416	7,539	4,365	1,004	552
Service	2,529	2,166	31,116	23,263	2,720	1,407
Domestic	167e	143	2,111	1,679	127	76
Other Services	2,362e	2,023	29,005	21,584	2,593	1,331
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	931	793	30,472	29,935	317	198
Processing	574	504	7,799	7,072	248	114
Machine Trades	1,496	1,080	13,262	9,800	1,274	665
Bench Work	1,617	1,600	17,449	15,538	933	522
Structural Work	2,718	1,800	26,115	19,969	2,069	1,017
Miscellaneous	2,728	2,093	27,434	22,979	1,510	834
Motor Freight and Transp.	442	224	4,462	2,920	389	196
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	2,208	1,820	22,328	19,610	1,068	616
Other	78	49	644	449	53	22
Total	16,536	12,116	191,004	151,276	13,546	7,300

1/ July 1, 1985, through March 31, 1986.

NORTH CAROLINA JOB OPENINGS DATA



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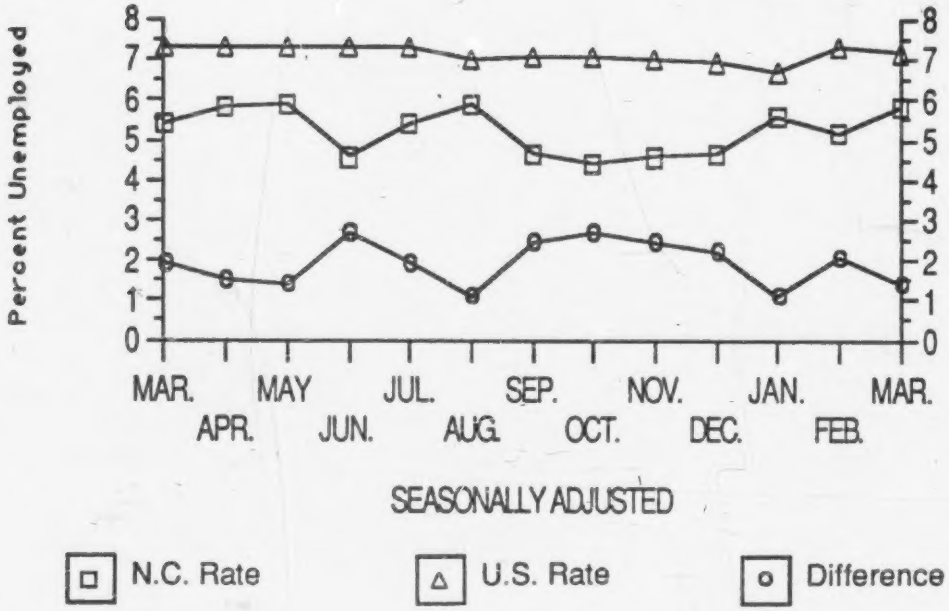

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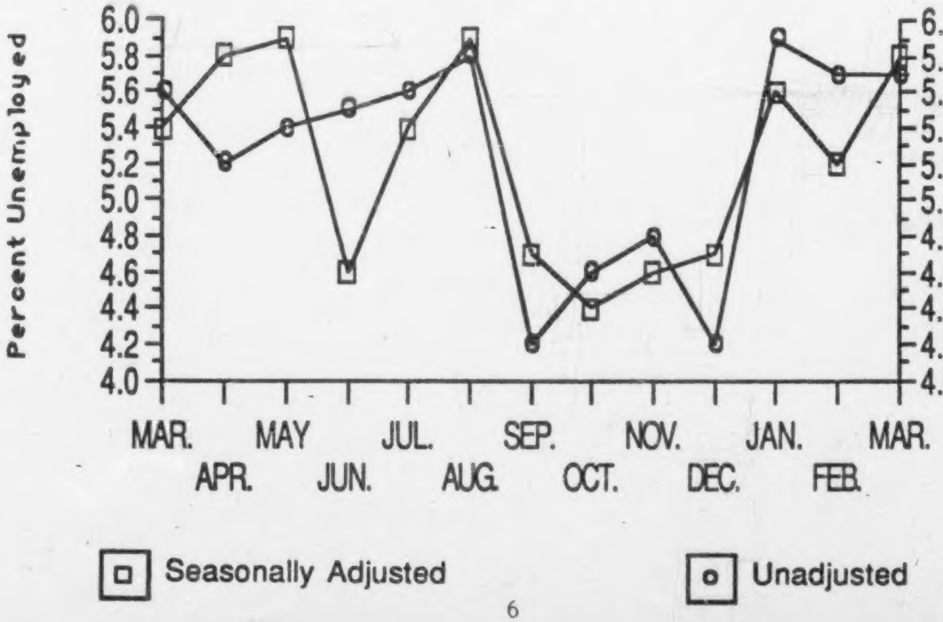

COMPOSITION OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA
MARCH 1986

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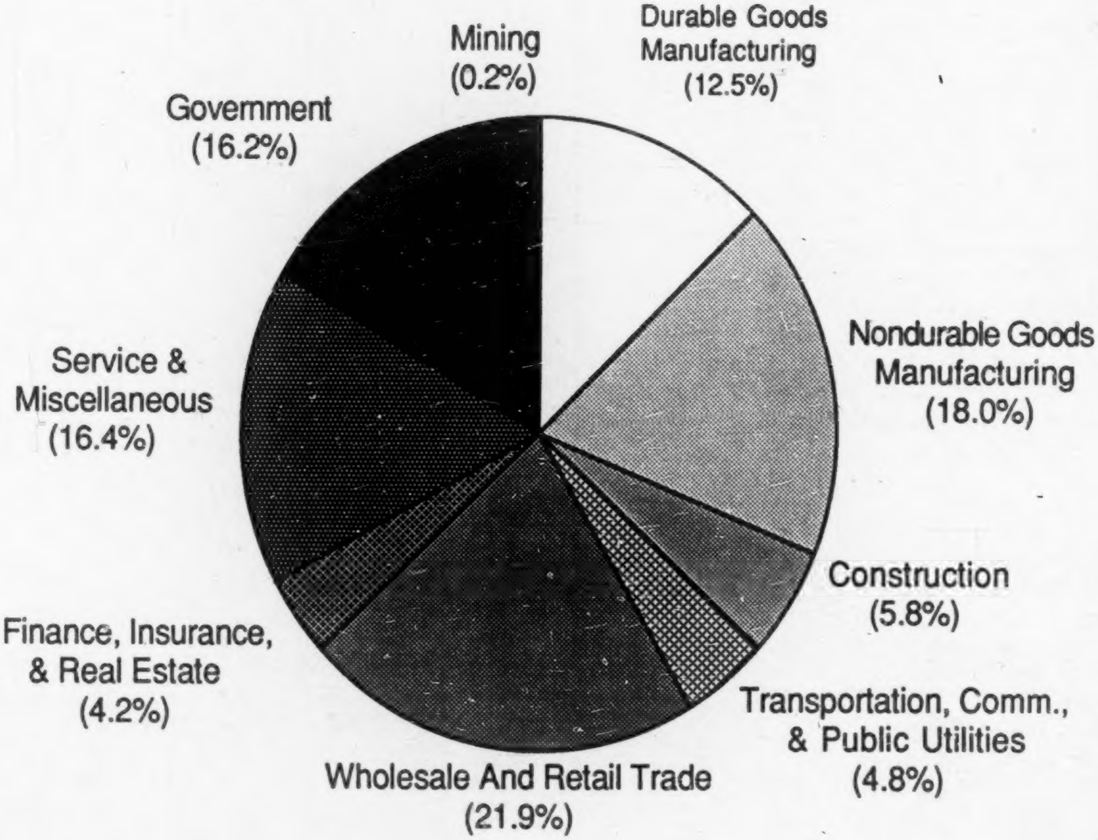

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

March, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	March 1986 (Thous)	February* 1986 (Thous)	March* 1985 (Thous)	February 1986	March 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,695.6	2,675.1	2,620.9	+ 0.8	+ 2.9
MANUFACTURING	823.9	824.3	825.3	**	- 0.2
DURABLE GOODS	338.0	338.8	342.2	- 0.2	- 1.2
Lumber & Wood Products	35.8	35.6	35.9	+ 0.6	- 0.3
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.8	11.7	12.4	+ 0.9	- 4.8
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.5	8.4	8.6	+ 1.2	- 1.2
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.6	5.5	4.7	+ 1.8	+19.1
Furniture & Fixtures	85.2	85.6	85.6	- 0.5	- 0.5
Household Furniture	75.4	75.8	75.8	- 0.5	- 0.5
Wood Household Furniture	37.6	37.9	38.2	- 0.8	- 1.6
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.4	31.4	31.6	0	- 0.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.2	19.2	19.4	0	- 1.0
Structural Clay Products	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.6	5.4	5.4	+ 3.7	+ 3.7
Primary Metal Industries	10.7	10.7	10.6	0	+ 0.9
Fabricated Metal Products	26.3	26.3	26.8	0	- 1.9
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.1	8.1	8.3	0	- 2.4
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	55.7	56.4	58.3	- 1.2	- 4.5
Special Industry Machinery	7.0	7.0	7.3	0	- 4.1
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	64.6	65.0	66.2	- 0.6	- 2.4
Household Appliances	5.1	5.2	5.3	- 1.9	- 3.8
Transportation Equipment	23.7	23.2	22.7	+ 2.2	+ 4.4
Other Durable Goods 2/	16.9	16.8	16.7	+ 0.6	+ 1.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	485.9	485.5	483.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	46.2	46.5	44.0	- 0.6	+ 5.0
Meat Products	20.5	20.5	18.3	0	+12.0
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	+ 4.0
Dairy Products	3.1	3.0	3.0	+ 3.3	+ 3.3
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	7.7	7.6	7.7	+ 1.3	0
Beverages	5.8	5.9	5.7	- 1.7	+ 1.8
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.3	25.0	24.5	- 2.8	- 0.8
Cigarettes	20.4	20.5	20.4	- 0.5	0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.4	4.0	3.7	-15.0	- 8.1
Textile Mill Products	20.59	205.0	208.1	+ 0.4	- 1.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	53.0	53.5	58.6	- 0.9	- 9.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	28.2	28.3	30.6	- 0.4	- 7.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.3	24.6	27.3	- 1.2	-11.0
Knitting Mills	76.1	75.3	73.9	+ 1.1	+ 3.0
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.0	24.9	24.4	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
Hosiery, NEC	23.3	22.9	22.7	+ 1.7	+ 2.6
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.0	12.8	12.2	+ 1.6	+ 6.6
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.1	6.0	6.1	+ 1.7	0
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.3	14.2	14.2	+ 0.7	+ 0.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	48.6	48.2	47.5	+ 0.8	+ 2.3

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

March, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	March 1986 (Thous)	February* 1986 (Thous)	March* 1985 (Thous)	February 1986	March 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.7	88.7	85.3	0	+ 4.0
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	30.1	30.4	28.5	- 1.0	+ 5.6
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.8	37.8	37.6	0	+ 0.5
Paper & Allied Products	22.4	22.4	22.6	0	- 0.9
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.8	11.0	11.2	- 1.8	- 3.6
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.7	7.6	7.6	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Printing & Publishing	27.2	27.3	26.1	- 0.4	+ 4.2
Newspapers	9.7	9.8	9.4	- 1.0	+ 3.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.3	36.9	37.8	+ 1.1	- 1.3
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.0	12.9	13.1	+ 0.8	- 0.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.4	29.3	30.5	+ 0.3	- 3.6
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.6	4.4	4.3	+ 4.5	+ 7.0
NONMANUFACTURING	1,871.7	1,850.7	1,795.6	+ 1.1	+ 4.2
MINING	4.6	4.5	4.7	+ 2.2	- 2.1
CONSTRUCTION	155.8	150.3	143.5	+ 3.7	+ 8.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	130.5	128.9	127.6	+ 1.2	+ 2.3
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	71.0	69.8	68.7	+ 1.7	+ 3.3
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.1	54.7	54.0	+ 0.7	+ 2.0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	588.7	580.4	565.2	+ 1.4	+ 4.2
Wholesale Trade	139.9	138.1	136.7	+ 1.3	+ 2.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	85.2	84.1	82.7	+ 1.3	+ 3.0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	54.7	54.0	53.9	+ 1.3	+ 1.5
Retail Trade	448.8	442.3	428.5	+ 1.5	+ 4.7
General Merchandise Stores	58.8	58.3	55.7	+ 0.9	+ 5.6
Food Stores	71.4	71.2	69.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	112.4	111.6	106.0	+ 0.7	+ 6.0
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	443.1	437.9	417.3	+ 1.2	+ 6.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.8	25.0	23.0	+ 3.2	+12.2
Personal Services	18.4	28.1	26.4	+ 1.1	+ 7.6
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.6	11.6	11.2	0	+ 3.6
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	436.6	437.2	431.4	- 0.1	+ 1.2
Federal	52.5	52.5	50.4	0	+ 4.2
State	127.0	128.6	129.6	- 1.2	- 2.0
Education	67.5	68.9	69.3	- 2.0	- 2.6
Other	59.5	59.7	60.3	- 0.3	- 1.3
Local	257.1	256.1	251.3	+ 0.4	+ 2.3
Education	138.4	137.9	136.8	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
Other	118.7	118.3	114.5	+ 0.3	+ 3.7

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

* Revised.

** Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

March, 1986

Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	March 1986 (Thous)	February* 1986 (Thous)	March* 1985 (Thous)	February 1986	March 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,708.3	2,707.4	2,632.3	+0.03	+ 2.9
MANUFACTURING	828.6	830.4	829.7	-0.2	- 0.1
DURABLE GOODS	339.0	340.6	342.9	-0.5	- 1.1
Lumber & Wood Products	36.2	36.3	36.3	-0.3	- 0.3
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.9	12.0	12.5	-0.8	- 4.8
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.6	8.5	8.7	+1.2	- 1.1
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.7	5.7	4.8	0	+18.8
Furniture & Fixtures	85.2	85.2	85.3	0	- 0.1
Household Furniture	75.3	75.4	75.7	-0.1	- 0.5
Wood Household Furniture	37.7	38.1	38.3	-1.0	- 1.6
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.3	31.4	31.5	-0.3	- 0.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.5	19.6	19.7	-0.5	- 1.0
Structural Clay Products	2.6	2.8	2.6	-7.1	0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.7	5.6	5.5	+1.8	+ 3.6
Primary Metal Industries	10.7	10.8	10.6	-0.9	+ 0.9
Fabricated Metal Products	26.5	26.6	27.1	-0.4	- 2.2
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.3	8.3	8.5	0	- 2.4
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	55.9	56.7	58.5	-1.4	- 4.4
Special Industry Machinery	7.0	7.0	7.3	0	- 4.1
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	64.5	65.3	66.1	-1.2	- 2.4
Household Appliances	5.5	5.9	5.7	-6.8	- 3.5
Transportation Equipment	23.5	23.2	22.5	+1.3	+ 4.4
Other Durable Goods 2/	17.0	16.9	16.8	+0.6	+ 1.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	489.6	489.8	486.8	-0.04	+ 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	47.0	47.5	44.8	-1.1	+ 4.9
Meat Products	20.6	20.6	18.4	0	+12.0
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	+ 4.0
Dairy Products	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 3.3
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	7.7	7.7	7.7	0	0
Beverages	5.9	6.1	5.8	-3.3	+ 1.7
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.7	25.8	25.9	-0.4	- 0.8
Cigarettes	20.5	20.6	20.5	-0.5	0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.9	4.6	5.4	+6.5	- 9.3
Textile Mill Products	206.9	206.7	209.0	+0.1	- 1.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	53.4	53.9	59.0	-0.9	- 9.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton	28.5	28.4	30.9	+0.4	- 7.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.5	24.8	27.5	-1.2	-10.9
Knitting Mills	76.4	76.0	74.2	+0.5	+ 3.0
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.1	25.1	24.5	0	+ 2.4
Hosiery, NEC	23.5	23.1	22.9	+1.7	+ 2.6
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.0	13.0	12.2	0	+ 6.6
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.2	6.1	6.2	+1.6	0
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.4	14.3	14.3	+0.7	+ 0.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	48.6	48.5	47.5	+0.2	+ 2.3

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

March, 1986
Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	March 1986 (Thous)	February* 1986 (Thous)	March* 1985 (Thous)	February 1986	March 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.6	89.3	86.2	+0.3	+ 3.9
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	30.3	30.5	28.7	-0.7	+ 5.6
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	38.3	38.0	38.1	+0.8	+ 0.5
Paper & Allied Products	22.3	22.3	22.5	0	- 0.9
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.7	10.8	11.1	-0.9	- 3.6
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.7	7.6	7.6	+1.3	+ 1.3
Printing & Publishing	26.8	27.0	25.7	-0.7	+ 4.3
Newspapers	9.7	9.8	9.4	-1.0	+ 3.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.2	37.0	37.7	+0.5	- 1.3
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.9	12.9	13.0	0	- 0.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.5	29.7	30.7	-0.7	- 3.9
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.6	4.5	4.3	+2.2	+ 7.0
NONMANUFACTURING	1,879.7	1,877.0	1,802.6	+0.1	+ 4.3
MINING	4.7	4.6	4.8	+2.2	- 2.1
CONSTRUCTION	160.8	160.7	148.1	+0.1	+ 8.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	131.0	129.8	128.1	+0.9	+ 2.3
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	71.2	70.6	68.9	+0.8	+ 3.3
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.2	55.0	54.1	+0.4	+ 2.0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	599.5	595.7	575.5	+0.6	+ 4.2
Wholesale Trade	141.1	140.2	137.9	+0.6	+ 2.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	84.9	84.4	82.5	+0.6	+ 2.9
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	56.2	55.8	55.4	+0.7	+ 1.4
Retail Trade	458.4	455.5	437.6	+0.6	+ 4.8
General Merchandise Stores	61.0	60.5	57.8	+0.8	+ 5.5
Food Stores	72.0	72.2	70.5	-0.3	+ 2.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	113.2	112.6	106.7	+0.5	+ 6.1
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	444.9	445.5	419.3	-0.1	+ 6.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	27.7	27.9	24.8	-0.7	+11.7
Personal Services	27.5	27.3	25.6	+0.7	+ 7.4
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.7	11.7	11.3	0	+ 3.5
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	425.6	428.1	420.1	-0.6	+ 1.3
Federal	52.8	52.9	50.6	-0.2	+ 4.3
State	123.1	125.3	125.5	-1.8	- 1.9
Education	63.1	64.9	64.7	-2.8	- 2.5
Other	60.0	60.4	60.8	-0.7	- 1.3
Local	249.7	249.9	244.0	-0.1	+ 2.3
Education	129.8	130.2	128.3	-0.3	+ 1.2
Other	119.9	119.7	115.7	+0.2	+ 3.6

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

* Revised.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

March, 1986

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	March 1986	February* 1986	March* 1985	February 1986	March 1985
MANUFACTURING	652.2	652.5	654.5	**	- 0.4
DURABLE GOODS	255.6	256.1	259.3	- 0.2	- 1.4
Lumber & Wood Products	30.7	30.5	30.8	+ 0.7	- 0.3
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.4	7.3	7.6	+ 1.4	- 2.6
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.5	4.5	3.7	0	+21.6
Furniture & Fixtures	75.2	75.7	76.3	- 0.7	- 1.4
Household Furniture	67.1	67.6	68.1	- 0.7	- 1.5
Wood Household Furniture	34.4	34.8	35.2	- 1.1	- 2.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.6	15.6	16.0	0	- 2.5
Structural Clay Products	2.1	2.0	2.0	+ 5.0	+ 5.0
Primary Metal Industries	8.0	8.0	8.0	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	19.6	19.6	20.0	0	- 2.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	27.9	28.2	28.4	- 1.1	- 1.8
Special Industry Machinery	4.8	4.7	5.0	+ 2.1	- 4.0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	46.8	47.1	48.6	- 0.6	- 3.7
Household Appliances	4.5	4.6	4.6	- 2.2	- 2.2
Transportation Equipment	19.0	18.6	18.4	+ 2.2	+ 3.3
NONDURABLE GOODS	396.5	396.4	395.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	32.6	32.8	30.5	- 0.6	+ 6.9
Meat Products	18.2	18.3	16.1	- 0.5	+13.0
Meat Packing	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 5.6
Dairy Products	1.6	1.5	1.5	+ 6.7	+ 6.7
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Bakery Products	4.3	4.3	4.3	0	0
Beverages	2.3	2.4	2.3	- 4.2	0
Tobacco Manufacturers	18.6	19.3	19.0	- 3.6	- 2.1
Cigarettes	16.1	16.1	16.1	0	0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.1	2.6	2.5	-19.2	-16.0
Textile Mill Products	181.8	181.1	184.2	+ 0.4	- 1.3
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	46.8	47.2	51.8	- 0.8	- 9.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton	24.7	24.8	27.1	- 0.4	- 8.9
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	21.7	22.0	24.3	- 1.4	-10.7
Knitting Mills	67.3	66.6	65.4	+ 1.1	+ 2.9
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.5	22.4	21.9	+ 0.4	+ 2.7
Hosiery, NEC	21.0	20.8	20.7	+ 1.0	+ 1.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	11.0	10.8	10.3	+ 1.9	+ 6.8
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.3	5.2	5.3	+ 1.9	0
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.0	12.0	11.9	0	+ 0.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	44.1	43.8	43.4	+ 0.7	+ 1.6
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.8	77.7	75.1	+ 0.1	+ 3.6
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	26.5	26.7	25.6	+ 0.7	+ 3.5
Women's & Children's Garments	32.9	33.0	32.6	- 0.3	+ 0.9
Paper & Allied Products	16.9	16.8	16.9	+ 0.6	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.8	8.0	8.2	- 2.5	- 4.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.9	5.7	5.7	+ 3.5	+ 3.5
Printing & Publishing	16.9	17.0	16.5	- 0.6	+ 2.4
Newspapers	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 2.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	24.2	24.0	24.6	+ 0.8	- 1.6
Plastic Materials & Synthetics	9.0	8.9	9.1	+ 1.1	- 1.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	24.0	23.9	24.9	+ 0.4	- 3.6
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.8	3.7	3.5	+ 2.7	+ 8.6

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products."

* Revised.

** Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

March, 1986

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Mar. 1986	Feb.* 1986	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1986	Feb.* 1986	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1986	Feb.* 1986	Mar. 1985
MANUFACTURING	$301.44	$296.51	$281.25	40.3	39.8	38.9	$ 7.48	$ 7.45	$ 7.23
DURABLE GOODS	314.98	309.14	295.60	40.8	40.2	40.0	7.72	7.69	7.39
Lumber & Wood Products	259.85	255.82	248.84	40.1	39.6	40.2	6.48	6.46	6.19
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	260.80	262.63	248.06	41.2	41.1	40.4	6.33	6.39	6.14
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	268.76	262.33	280.19	37.8	37.0	39.8	7.11	7.09	7.04
Furniture & Fixtures	268.42	258.23	248.84	39.3	38.2	38.7	6.83	6.76	6.43
Household Furniture	267.92	257.76	247.04	39.4	38.3	38.6	6.80	6.73	6.40
Wood Household Furniture	254.13	248.43	242.70	39.4	39.0	39.4	6.45	6.37	6.16
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	333.66	324.01	322.28	41.5	40.2	41.8	8.04	8.06	7.71
Structural Clay Products	282.01	272.58	262.50	42.6	41.3	41.6	6.62	6.60	6.31
Primary Metal Industries	383.64	383.68	350.27	43.3	43.6	42.1	8.86	8.80	8.32
Fabricated Metal Products	320.39	330.88	320.66	40.2	40.9	40.9	7.97	8.09	7.84
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	355.73	350.26	344.84	41.9	41.5	41.9	8.49	8.44	8.23
Special Industry Machinery	343.02	328.75	314.69	42.4	41.3	40.5	8.09	7.96	7.77
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	359.39	356.07	329.28	41.5	41.5	39.2	8.66	8.58	8.40
Household Appliances	277.85	277.14	261.32	40.8	40.4	36.6	6.81	6.86	7.14
Transportation Equipment	374.03	358.28	342.36	43.9	42.2	41.7	8.52	8.49	8.21
NONDURABLE GOODS	292.80	287.96	271.65	40.0	39.5	38.1	7.32	7.29	7.13
Food & Kindred Products	259.85	260.02	243.10	38.9	39.1	37.4	6.68	6.65	6.50
Meat Products	218.11	216.79	192.50	37.8	38.1	35.0	5.77	5.69	5.50
Meat Packing	330.91	317.70	306.53	42.1	41.1	40.6	7.86	7.73	7.55
Dairy Products	301.34	290.53	286.23	43.8	42.6	43.9	6.88	6.82	6.52
Grain Mill Products	317.26	308.88	289.76	43.7	42.9	42.3	7.26	7.20	6.85
Bakery Products	287.65	285.82	283.39	40.4	40.2	40.6	7.12	7.11	6.98
Beverages	419.07	486.16	464.77	41.9	41.2	42.6	11.72	11.80	10.91
Tobacco Manufacturers	502.92	468.10	480.19	36.0	34.7	36.6	13.97	13.49	13.12
Cigarettes	549.00	517.38	518.62	36.6	34.7	36.6	15.00	14.91	14.17
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	192.13	203.46	206.64	31.6	35.2	36.0	6.08	5.78	5.74
Textile Mill Products	269.78	265.17	243.84	41.0	40.3	38.1	6.58	6.58	6.40
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	284.53	285.91	265.50	39.3	39.6	37.5	7.24	7.22	7.08
Weaving Mills, Cotton	287.39	292.47	273.13	39.1	39.9	38.2	7.35	7.33	7.15
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	281.56	278.64	258.30	39.6	39.3	36.9	7.11	7.09	7.00
Knitting Mills	248.65	240.47	218.45	40.3	39.1	36.9	6.17	6.15	5.92
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	236.98	229.63	206.39	39.3	38.4	36.4	6.03	5.98	5.67
Hosiery, NEC	234.30	226.55	205.90	38.6	37.2	35.5	6.07	6.09	5.80
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	279.65	273.07	246.65	42.5	41.5	38.3	6.58	6.58	6.44
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	312.59	300.76	272.35	45.5	44.1	41.9	6.87	6.82	6.50
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	290.44	281.95	280.13	42.4	41.1	41.5	6.85	6.86	6.75
Yarn & Thread Mills	272.21	268.18	236.39	42.6	42.1	38.5	6.39	6.37	6.14
Apparel & Other Textile Products	195.23	194.71	184.53	37.4	37.3	35.9	5.22	5.22	5.14
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	198.38	194.14	177.48	37.5	36.7	34.0	5.29	5.29	5.22
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	182.16	183.02	173.63	37.1	37.2	35.8	4.91	4.92	4.85
Paper & Allied Products	502.20	487.38	469.94	44.6	43.4	42.8	11.26	11.23	10.98
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	641.72	607.94	598.97	46.2	43.8	44.5	13.89	13.88	13.46
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	364.53	354.41	331.47	43.5	42.7	41.8	8.38	8.30	7.93
Printing & Publishing	337.11	327.08	315.58	39.8	38.8	39.3	8.47	8.43	8.03
Newspapers	265.03	261.14	278.46	32.4	31.5	34.0	8.18	8.29	8.19
Chemicals & Allied Products	411.31	405.98	392.92	41.8	41.3	41.8	9.84	9.83	9.40
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	467.61	457.45	453.45	42.9	42.2	42.9	10.90	10.84	10.57
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	379.86	380.59	362.10	41.2	41.1	40.1	9.22	9.26	9.03
MINING	376.57	358.88	374.14	45.7	43.5	47.6	8.24	8.25	7.86
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	486.64	487.60	455.92	41.7	41.7	41.0	1.67	11.68	11.12
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	201.20	199.94	192.46	32.4	32.3	32.4	6.21	6.19	5.94
Wholesale Trade	316.00	311.25	297.04	39.5	39.2	39.5	8.00	7.94	7.52
Retail Trade	169.02	168.47	163.55	30.4	30.3	30.4	5.56	5.56	5.38
General Merchandise Stores	157.92	150.70	150.77	28.2	27.4	28.5	5.60	5.50	5.29
Food Stores	185.15	183.93	189.80	32.2	32.1	32.5	5.75	5.73	5.84
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	141.83	137.81	133.95	30.5	29.7	30.1	4.65	4.64	4.45
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	194.74	193.14	187.80	34.9	34.8	35.5	5.58	5.55	5.29

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

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State Labor Summary
NORTH CAROLINA

April 1986

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NORTH CAROLINA
STATE LABOR SUMMARY
April, 1986

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT CONTINUED TO DECREASE: North Carolina's total employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 2,946,600 in the middle of April, 1986, a net monthly decline of 4,800 workers (-0.2 percent). The State's seasonally adjusted total employment was estimated to be 2,946,000 as of mid-April of this year, a net monthly drop of 13,000 people (-0.4 percent).

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT FELL IN APRIL: In mid-April, 1986, Statewide manufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated at 822,300, declining by 2,400 people (-0.3 percent) over the month. Employment in the durable goods sector was down by 1,900 persons (-0.6 percent) to 336,200 as electrical machinery, suffering the largest net over-the-month drop, lost 1,000 workers (-1.5 percent). The loss of 500 workers in household appliances accounted for half of the decline. Furniture and fixtures also sustained a cutback of 500 persons (-0.6 percent) with all of the loss occurring in household furniture. The transportation equipment industry, however, enjoyed a modest net monthly increase of 200 people (+0.8 percent). The nondurable goods sector's employment declined slightly over the month, (-400, -0.1 percent) to drop to 486,100 in April of this year. An expected seasonal decrease of 400 workers (-1.6 percent) was seen in tobacco manufacturing as the cigarette industry lost 100 workers, and employers in stemming/redrying laid off 500. Despite the overall decline in nondurable goods, food and kindred products did experience a good net monthly gain of 700 employees (+1.5 percent) from mid-March to mid-April, 1986.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT EXHIBITED NOTICEABLE GROWTH: By the middle of this April, North Carolina's nonmanufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 1,886,600, a net monthly boost of 13,200 people (+0.7 percent). Employment in the service sector rose by 4,800 (+1.1 percent) over the month as hotels and other lodging places added 900 and medical and other health services grew by 600. The trade industry followed with a net monthly gain of 3,200 workers (+0.5 percent), most of which occurred in retail trade (+2,700). The construction industry continued to enjoy strong growth as 2,800 persons (+1.8 percent) were added to the payrolls from mid-March to mid-April, 1986. Employment in the mining industry remained constant at 4,600 from a month ago.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES IN APRIL: The total unemployment estimate (not seasonally adjusted) for North Carolina showed 158,400 persons out of work in mid-April, 1986. This figure reflected a drop in joblessness of 19,200 from a month ago. For the same period the unadjusted rate of unemployment fell from 5.7 percent in March to 5.1 percent in April. As of April, North Carolina's seasonally adjusted total unemployment was estimated to be 179,000, an over-the-month decline of 3,000 persons (-1.6 percent). The seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment also decreased slightly dropping from 5.8 percent to 5.7 percent over the month. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 7.0 percent in April, 1986, and 7.5 percent in March, 1986. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the nation were 7.1 percent in April of this year and 7.2 percent this March.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force 1/

	April, 1986	March, 1986	April, 1985 2/
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,105,000	3,129,000	3,023,600
Employment	2,946,600	2,951,400	2,866,400
Unemployment	158,400	177,600	157,200
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.7	5.2
(Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,125,000	3,141,000	3,046,000
Employment	2,946,000	2,959,000	2,867,000
Unemployment	179,000	182,000	179,000
Unemployment Rate	5.7	5.8	5.9
National Rate (Unadjusted)	7.0	7.5	7.1
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.1	7.2	7.3

1/ Data compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
2/ Revised.

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS SLIPPED WHILE AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS REMAINED CONSTANT: From mid-March to mid-April of this year, the average hourly earnings of the State's manufacturing production workers dropped by 1¢ an hour (-0.1 percent) to $7.48. Hourly earnings for employees in the durable goods sector stayed at $7.74 over the month. The durable goods workers who enjoyed the largest net over-the-month gain were in stone, clay, and glass as hourly earnings increased by 8¢ an hour (+1.0 percent) to $8.14. A close second were employees in electrical machinery who saw a net monthly increase of 7¢ an hour (+0.8 percent) as hourly earnings rose to $8.72 in April of this year. Persons engaged in nondurable goods activity sustained a slight net over-the-month drop of 1¢ an hour (-0.1 percent) from March as hourly earnings fell to $7.31 in April, 1986. Workers in paper and allied products led the way in nondurable goods as a monthly surge of 22¢ an hour (+2.0 percent) boosted hourly earnings to $11.47. Tobacco manufacturing earned $14.15 an hour in April with a net over-the-month gain of 19¢ an hour (+1.4 percent). The average weekly earnings of Statewide manufacturing production employees declined by 41¢ (-0.1 percent) to $301.44 from mid-March to mid-April of this year. Average weekly hours remained stable at 40.3 over the month.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS WAS DOWN OVER THE MONTH: There were 182,729 active job applicants registered for work with the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina at the end of April of this year for a monthly decrease of 1,891 persons (-1.0 percent). The twenty-two to thirty-nine segment was the largest applicant segment by age with 112,415 people registered or 61.5 percent of the total, and the forty to fifty-four age sector had 31,320 or 17.1 percent. The smallest number of applicants was found in the fifty-five and over age group with 9,250 or just 5.1 percent of the total. Most of the active applicants were females, numbering 93,504 or 51.2 percent of the total. Whites who were not Hispanic comprised the majority of the active applicants with 55.2 percent of the total. The next table gives more data from the State's active applicant file as of April 30, 1986.

Statewide Active Applicant File
April 30, 1986

	Number	Percent
Total	182,729	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	29,744	16.3
22 - 39	112,415	61.5
40 - 54	31,320	17.1
55 and Over	9,250	5.1
Sex		
Male	89,225	48.8
Female	93,504	51.2
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	100,855	55.2
Black, not Hispanic	76,929	42.1
Hispanic	1,217	0.7
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,823	1.5
Other Races and Undetermined	905	0.5
Eligible Claimant	72,780	39.8
Veteran	33,580	18.4
Handicapped	12,356	6.8
Welfare	27,498	15.0
Seasonal Farmworker	2,257	1.2

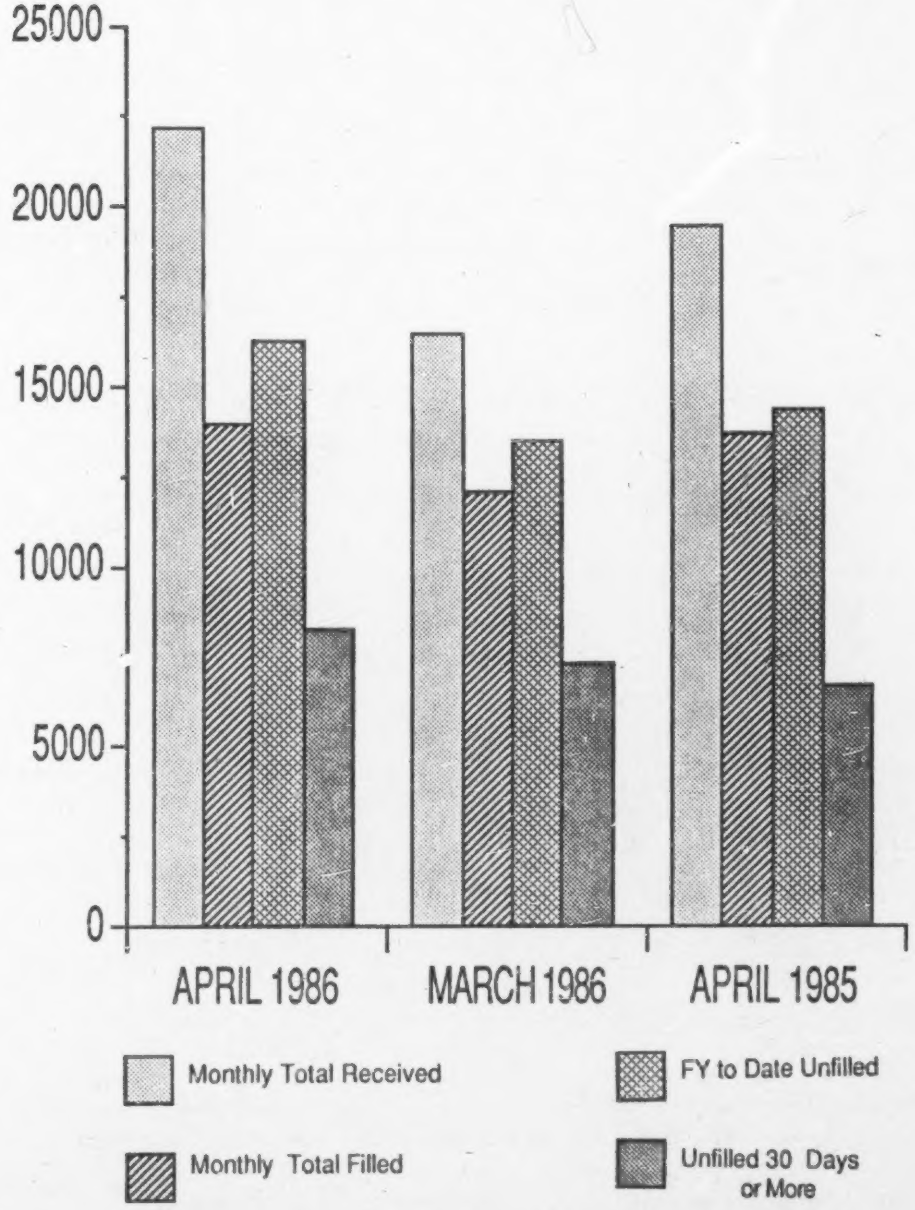
THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS CONTINUED TO CLIMB: There were 22,194 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the State during April, 1986, a significant net over-the month increase of 5,658 (+34.2 percent). Of those job openings, 14,008 or 63.1 percent were filled. The occupational group which recorded the largest number of job openings received in April was service with 3,953, and most of those opening were filled (2,426 or 61.4 percent). Structural work job openings followed with a count of 3,632 received and 2,012 or 55.4 percent filled. Job openings received in the miscellaneous category numbered 3,052 in April, and over three-fourths, 2,385, of them were filled. The lowest number of job openings at 731 occurred in processing; however, the majority of those was filled, (509 or 69.6 percent). From July 1, 1985, through April 30, 1986, there were 213,198 job openings received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina. More than three-fourths of those were filled (165,284 or 77.5 percent). As of April 30, 1986, there were 16,292 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file with about half (8,289 or 50.9 percent) having been on file for thirty days or more and, therefore, listed as hard-to-fill. The following table provides additional information on North Carolina's job openings for April, 1986, and for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1985, through April 30, 1986).

Statewide Job Openings Data

	April, 1986		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of Apr. 30, 1986	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	952	313	9,018	4,113	1,762	1,122
Clerical	2,642	1,374	24,394	15,929	2,255	1,075
Sales	905	373	8,444	4,738	1,188	655
Service	3,953	2,426	35,069	25,689	3,287	1,590
Domestic	314	224	2,425	1,903	159	80
Other Services	3,639	2,202	32,644	23,786	3,128	1,510
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	1,705	1,469	32,177	31,404	293	199
Processing	731	509	8,530	7,581	399	150
Machine Trades	1,964	1,302	15,226	11,102	1,402	717
Bench Work	2,658	1,845	20,107	17,383	1,492	621
Structural Work	3,632	2,012	29,747	21,981	2,615	1,405
Miscellaneous	3,052	2,385	30,486	25,364	1,599	755
Motor Freight and Transp.	655	330	5,117	3,250	547	240
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	2,326	2,021	24,654	21,631	992	493
Other	71	34	715	483	60	22
Total	22,194	14,008	213,198	165,284	16,292	8,289

1/ July 1, 1985, through April 30, 1986.

NORTH CAROLINA JOB OPENINGS DATA



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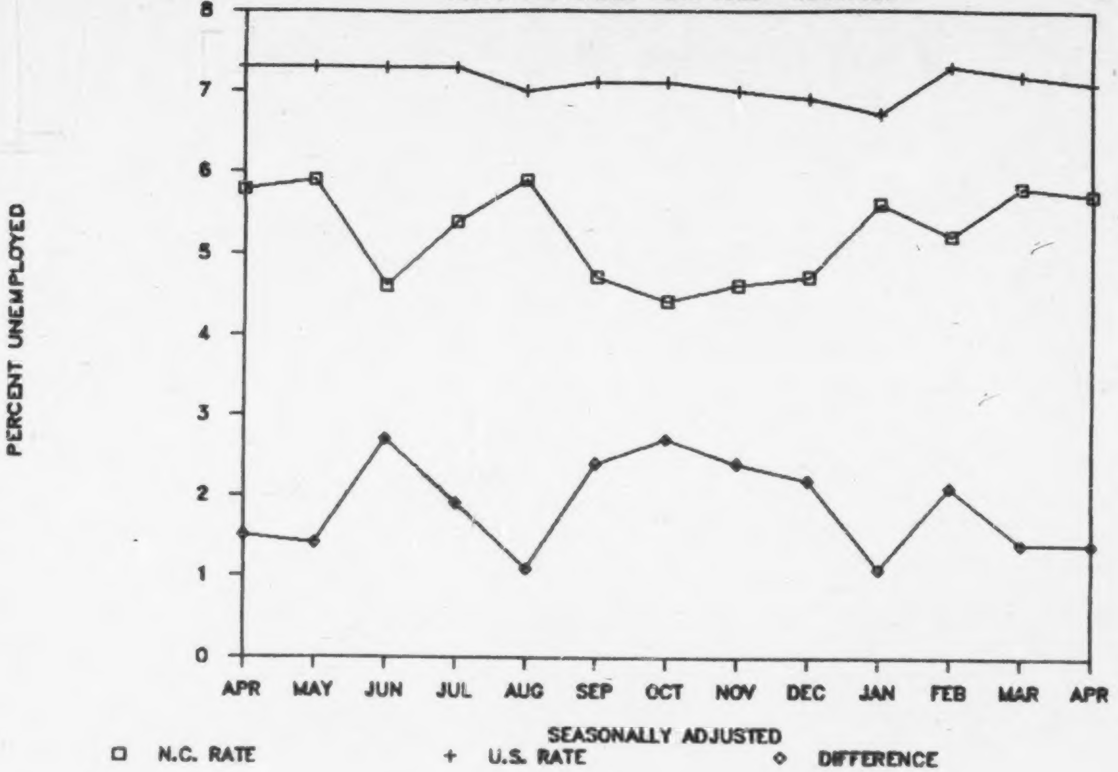

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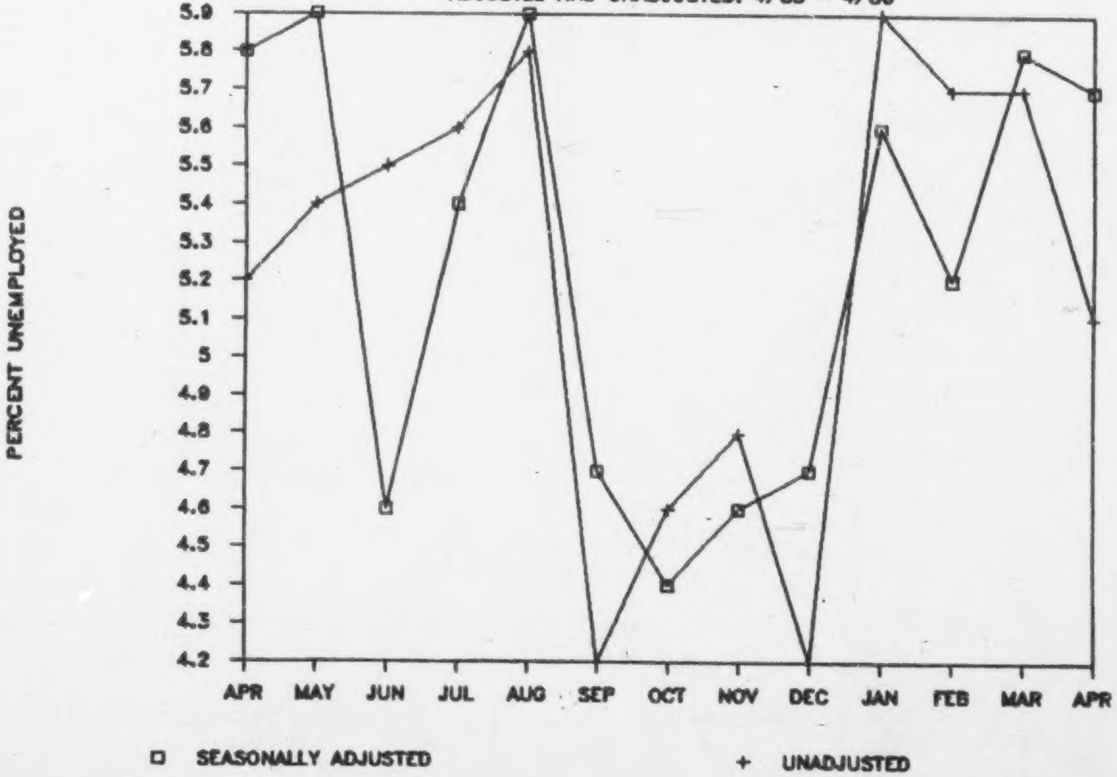

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APRIL 1986

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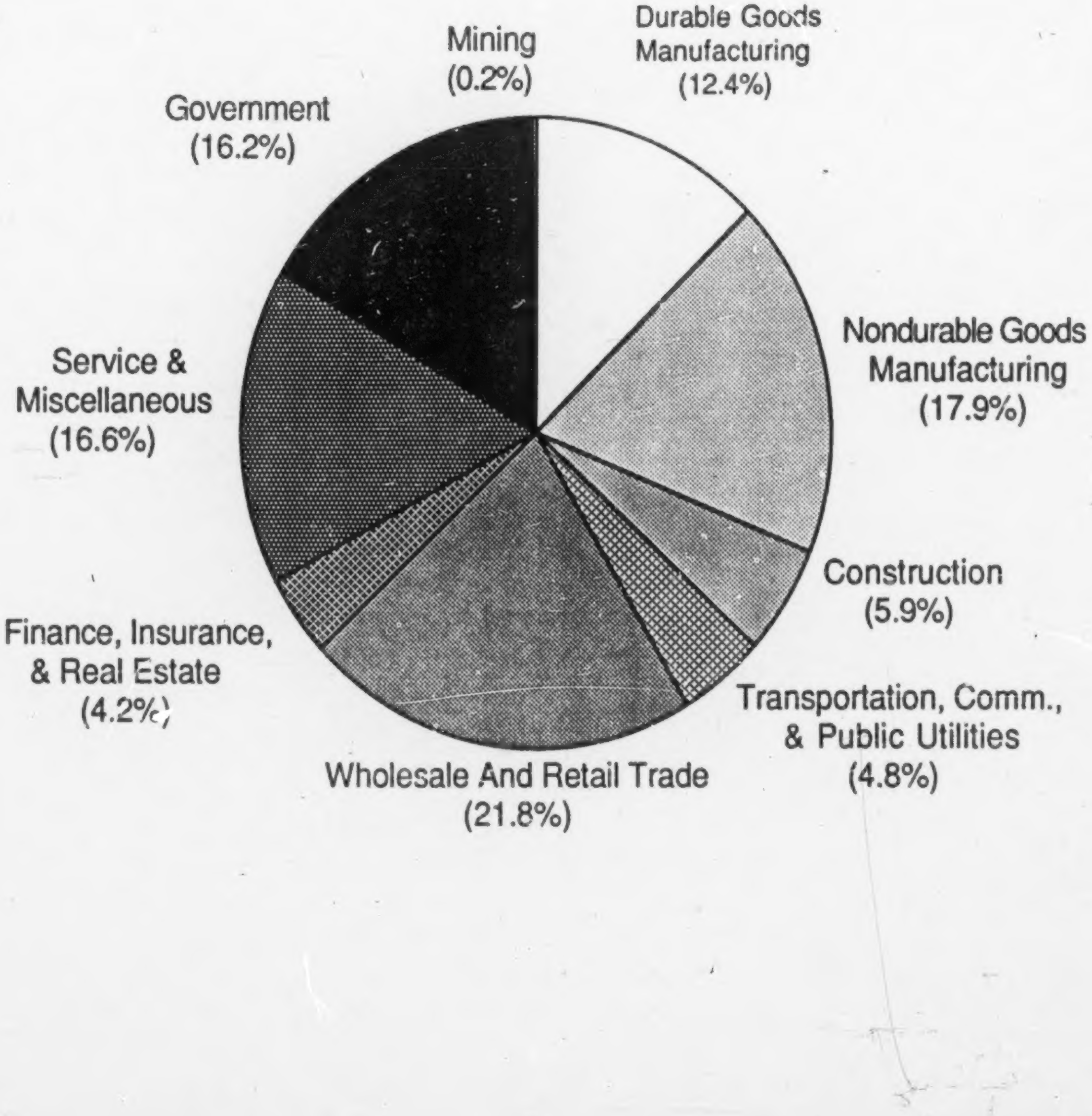

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

April, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	April 1986 (Thous.)	March* 1986 (Thous.)	April* 1985 (Thous.)	March 1986	April 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,708.9	2,698.1	2,639.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.6
MANUFACTURING	822.3	824.7	828.2	- 0.3	- 0.7
DURABLE GOODS	336.2	338.1	342.6	- 0.6	- 1.9
Lumber & Wood Products	35.5	35.8	36.2	- 0.8	- 1.9
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.6	11.7	12.6	- 0.9	- 7.9
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.5	8.5	8.7	0	- 2.3
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.3	5.6	4.8	- 5.4	+10.4
Furniture & Fixtures	84.6	85.1	85.8	- 0.6	- 1.4
Household Furniture	74.9	75.4	76.0	- 0.7	- 1.4
Wood Household Furniture	37.5	37.6	38.2	- 0.3	- 1.8
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.1	31.3	31.7	- 0.6	- 1.9
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.4	19.3	19.5	+ 0.5	- 0.5
Structural Clay Products	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.7	5.6	5.4	+ 1.8	+ 5.6
Primary Metal Industries	10.4	10.6	10.7	- 1.9	- 2.8
Fabricated Metal Products	26.4	26.4	26.7	0	- 1.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.2	8.1	8.4	+ 1.2	- 2.4
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	55.4	55.6	58.1	- 0.4	- 4.6
Special Industry Machinery	7.1	7.0	7.2	+ 1.4	- 1.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	63.7	64.7	66.2	- 1.5	- 3.8
Household Appliances	4.6	5.1	4.8	- 9.8	- 4.2
Transportation Equipment	23.9	23.7	22.8	+ 0.8	+ 4.8
Other Durable Goods 2/	16.7	16.9	16.6	- 1.2	+ 0.6
NONDURABLE GOODS	486.1	486.5	485.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	46.6	45.9	44.1	+ 1.5	+ 5.7
Meat Products	20.1	20.4	18.5	- 1.5	+ 8.6
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Dairy Products	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 3.3
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	7.7	7.7	7.6	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	5.8	5.8	5.7	0	+ 1.8
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.9	24.3	24.1	- 1.6	- 0.8
Cigarettes	20.3	20.4	20.5	- 0.5	- 1.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.9	3.4	3.1	-14.7	- 6.5
Textile Mill Products	206.2	206.5	209.7	- 0.1	- 1.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	52.3	53.1	58.7	- 1.5	-10.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton	27.5	28.2	30.6	- 2.5	-10.1
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.2	24.3	27.5	- 0.4	-12.0
Knitting Mills	76.5	76.2	74.3	+ 0.4	+ 3.0
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.2	25.2	24.4	0	+ 3.3
Hosiery, NEC	23.4	23.4	22.8	0	+ 2.6
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.0	13.0	12.4	0	+ 4.8
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.1	6.0	6.2	+ 1.7	- 1.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.2	14.3	14.1	- 0.7	+ 0.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	49.0	48.9	48.4	+ 0.2	+ 1.2

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OR NORTH CAROLINA 1/

April, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT April 1986 (Thous.)	March* 1986 (Thous.)	April* 1985 (Thous.)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: March 1986	April 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.1	89.1	86.5	0	+ 3.0
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furn.	30.6	30.5	29.0	+ 0.3	+ 5.5
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.6	37.7	38.0	- 0.3	- 1.1
Paper & Allied Products	22.2	22.3	22.1	- 0.4	+ 0.5
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.6	10.8	10.9	- 1.9	- 2.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.7	7.6	7.4	+ 1.3	+ 4.1
Printing & Publishing	27.2	27.2	26.2	0	+ 3.8
Newspapers	9.7	9.7	9.3	0	+ 4.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.0	37.3	37.8	- 0.8	- 2.1
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.7	13.0	13.1	- 2.3	- 3.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.5	29.4	30.7	+ 0.3	- 3.9
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.5	4.3	0	+ 4.7
NONMANUFACTURING	1,886.6	1,873.4	1,811.5	+ 0.7	+ 4.1
MINING	4.6	4.6	4.7	0	- 2.1
CONSTRUCTION	158.8	156.0	145.8	+ 1.8	+ 8.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	131.2	130.6	127.9	+ 0.5	+ 2.6
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	71.4	70.9	68.9	+ 0.7	+ 3.6
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.3	55.1	54.2	+ 0.4	+ 2.0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	591.8	588.6	569.2	+ 0.5	+ 4.0
Wholesale Trade	140.5	139.9	137.0	+ 0.4	+ 2.6
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	85.5	85.2	82.9	+ 0.4	+ 3.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	55.0	54.7	54.1	+ 0.5	+ 1.7
Retail Trade	451.3	448.6	432.2	+ 0.6	+ 4.4
General Merchandise Stores	59.3	58.8	56.1	+ 0.9	+ 5.7
Food Stores	71.4	41.4	69.8	0	+ 2.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	113.7	112.5	107.0	+ 1.1	+ 6.3
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	449.0	444.2	424.4	+ 1.1	+ 5.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	27.0	26.1	23.7	+ 3.4	+13.9
Personal Services	28.4	28.3	26.6	+ 0.4	+ 6.8
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.6	11.5	11.3	+ 0.9	+ 2.7
Health Services	113.1	112.5	108.2	+ 0.5	+ 4.5
Hospitals	43.7	43.6	42.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.3
Legal Services	10.8	10.9	9.4	- 0.9	+14.9
Educational Services	34.4	34.5	35.2	- 0.3	- 2.3
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	437.5	437.0	432.3	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Federal	52.1	52.4	50.7	- 0.6	+ 2.8
State	128.7	127.6	130.3	+ 0.9	- 1.2
Education	68.7	68.0	69.6	+ 1.0	- 1.3
Other	60.0	59.6	60.7	+ 0.7	- 1.2
Local	256.8	257.0	251.3	- 0.1	+ 2.2
Education	138.0	138.4	137.0	- 0.3	+ 0.7
Other	118.8	118.7	114.3	+ 0.1	+ 3.9

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

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ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/
April, 1986
Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	April 1986 (thous)	March* 1986 (thous)	April* 1985 (thous)	March 1986	April 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,707.2	2,710.6	2,637.1	- 0.1	+ 2.7
MANUFACTURING	824.5	829.1	830.0	- 0.6	- 0.7
DURABLE GOODS	336.7	339.0	342.8	- 0.7	- 1.8
Lumber & Wood Products	35.8	36.2	36.4	- 1.1	- 1.6
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.6	11.8	12.6	- 1.7	- 7.9
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.5	8.6	8.7	- 1.2	- 2.3
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.4	5.7	4.9	- 5.3	+ 10.2
Furniture & Fixtures	84.2	85.1	85.0	- 1.1	- 0.9
Household Furniture	74.4	75.3	75.5	- 1.2	- 1.5
Wood Household Furniture	37.1	37.7	37.8	- 1.6	- 1.9
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.2	31.2	31.8	0	- 1.9
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.6	19.6	19.7	0	- 0.5
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.7	5.7	5.4	0	+ 5.6
Primary Metal Industries	10.4	10.6	10.7	- 1.9	- 2.8
Fabricated Metal Products	26.6	26.6	26.9	0	- 1.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.3	8.3	8.5	0	- 2.4
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	55.6	55.8	58.3	- 0.4	- 4.6
Special Industry Machinery	7.1	7.0	7.2	+ 1.4	- 1.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	64.2	64.6	66.7	- 0.6	- 3.7
Household Appliances	5.1	5.5	5.3	- 7.3	- 3.8
Transportation Equipment	23.6	23.5	22.5	+ 0.4	+ 4.9
Other Durable Goods 2/	16.7	17.0	16.6	- 1.8	+ 0.6
NONDURABLE GOODS	487.8	490.1	487.2	- 0.5	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	47.3	46.7	44.7	+ 1.3	+ 5.8
Meat Products	20.3	20.5	18.6	- 1.0	+ 9.1
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Dairy Products	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 3.3
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	7.8	7.7	7.7	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Beverages	5.9	5.9	5.8	0	+ 1.7
Tobacco Manufacturers	26.0	25.7	26.2	0	- 0.8
Cigarettes	20.3	20.5	20.6	- 1.0	- 1.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.9	4.9	5.2	0	- 5.8
Textile Mill Products	205.2	207.5	208.8	- 1.1	- 1.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	52.2	53.5	58.6	- 2.4	- 10.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton	27.6	28.5	30.7	- 3.2	- 10.1
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.1	24.5	27.4	- 1.6	- 12.0
Knitting Mills	76.2	76.5	74.0	- 0.4	+ 3.0
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.3	25.3	25.5	0	- 0.8
Hosiery, NEC	23.4	23.6	22.8	- 0.8	+ 2.6
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	12.8	13.0	12.2	- 1.5	+ 4.9
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.0	6.1	6.1	- 1.6	- 1.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.2	14.4	14.4	- 1.4	+ 0.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	48.6	48.9	48.1	- 0.6	+ 1.0

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OR NORTH CAROLINA 1/

April, 1986
Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT April 1986 (thous)	March* 1986 (thous)	April* 1985 (thous)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: March 1986	April 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.4	90.0	86.8	- 0.7	+ 3.0
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furn.	30.7	30.7	29.1	0	+ 5.5
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.7	38.2	38.1	- 1.3	- 1.0
Paper & Allied Products	22.2	22.2	22.2	0	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.7	10.7	11.0	0	- 2.7
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.8	7.6	7.5	+ 2.6	+ 4.0
Printing & Publishing	27.0	26.8	26.0	+ 0.7	+ 3.8
Newspapers	9.8	9.7	9.4	+ 1.0	+ 4.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.9	37.2	37.7	- 0.8	- 2.1
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.6	12.9	13.0	- 2.3	- 3.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.3	29.5	30.5	- 0.7	- 3.9
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.5	4.3	0	+ 4.7
NONMANUFACTURING	1,882.7	1,881.5	1,807.1	+ 0.1	+ 4.2
MINING	4.6	4.7	4.7	- 2.1	- 2.1
CONSTRUCTION	160.9	161.0	147.8	- 0.1	+ 8.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	131.5	131.1	128.2	+ 0.3	+ 2.6
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	71.5	71.1	69.1	+ 0.6	+ 3.5
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.3	55.2	54.2	+ 0.2	+ 2.0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	597.7	599.3	574.8	- 0.3	+ 4.0
Wholesale Trade	141.8	141.1	138.3	+ 0.5	+ 2.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	85.5	84.9	82.9	+ 0.7	+ 3.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	56.3	56.2	55.4	+ 0.2	+ 1.6
Retail Trade	455.9	458.2	436.5	- 0.5	+ 4.4
General Merchandise Stores	61.4	61.0	58.0	+ 0.7	+ 5.9
Food Stores	72.1	72.0	70.5	+ 0.1	+ 2.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	114.2	113.3	107.4	+ 0.8	+ 6.3
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	447.2	446.0	422.9	+ 0.3	+ 5.7
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	27.6	28.1	24.2	- 1.8	+ 14.0
Personal Services	27.8	27.4	26.0	+ 1.5	+ 6.9
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.6	11.6	11.3	0	+ 2.7
Health Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hospitals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Legal Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Educational Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	426.6	426.1	421.3	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
Federal	52.3	52.7	50.9	- 0.8	+ 2.8
State	124.6	123.7	126.2	+ 0.7	- 1.3
Education	64.3	63.6	65.2	+ 1.1	- 1.4
Other	60.3	60.1	61.0	+ 0.3	- 1.1
Local	249.7	249.7	244.2	0	+ 2.3
Education	129.7	129.8	128.7	- 0.1	+ 0.8
Other	120.0	119.9	115.5	+ 0.1	+ 3.9

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ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

April, 1986

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.) April 1986	March* 1986	April* 1985	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: March 1986	April 1985
MANUFACTURING	651.5	653.5	657.0	- 0.3	- 0.8
DURABLE GOODS	254.7	256.4	259.5	- 0.7	- 1.8
Lumber & Wood Products	30.4	30.7	31.2	- 1.0	- 2.6
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.4	7.4	7.6	0	- 2.6
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.4	4.6	3.9	- 4.3	+12.8
Furniture & Fixtures	74.7	75.2	76.5	- 0.7	- 2.4
Household Furniture	66.7	67.1	68.3	- 0.6	- 2.3
Wood Household Furniture	34.4	34.5	35.1	- 0.3	- 2.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.8	15.6	16.1	+ 1.3	- 1.9
Structural Clay Products	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Primary Metal Industries	7.7	7.8	8.0	- 1.3	- 3.8
Fabricated Metal Products	19.7	19.6	19.9	+ 0.5	- 1.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	28.3	28.5	28.3	- 0.7	0
Special Industry Machinery	4.8	4.8	5.0	0	- 4.0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	46.0	46.9	48.4	- 1.9	- 5.0
Household Appliances	4.0	4.5	4.1	-11.1	- 2.4
Transportation Equipment	19.3	19.1	18.4	+ 1.0	+ 4.9
NONDURABLE GOODS	396.8	397.1	397.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	32.8	32.4	30.6	+ 1.2	+ 7.2
Meat Products	17.8	18.1	16.3	- 1.7	+ 9.2
Meat Packing	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Dairy Products	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 6.7
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Bakery Products	4.4	4.3	4.3	+ 2.3	+ 2.3
Beverages	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 4.3
Tobacco Manufacturers	18.1	18.5	18.7	- 2.2	- 3.2
Cigarettes	15.9	16.0	16.2	- 0.6	- 1.9
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	1.7	2.1	2.1	-19.0	-19.0
Textile Mill Products	182.2	182.3	185.7	- 0.1	- 1.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	46.3	46.9	51.9	- 1.3	-10.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton	24.2	24.7	27.1	- 2.0	-10.7
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	21.6	21.7	24.5	- 0.5	-11.8
Knitting Mills	67.8	67.5	65.7	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.7	22.6	21.9	+ 0.4	+ 3.7
Hosiery, NEC	21.1	21.1	20.8	0	+ 1.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	11.1	11.0	10.4	+ 0.9	+ 6.7
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.4	5.3	5.4	+ 1.9	0
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.0	12.0	11.9	0	+ 0.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	44.4	44.4	44.2	0	+ 0.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	78.1	78.2	76.2	- 0.1	+ 2.5
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	26.8	26.9	26.1	- 0.4	+ 2.7
Women's & Children's Garments	32.9	33.0	32.9	- 0.3	0
Paper & Allied Products	16.7	16.7	16.6	0	+ 0.6
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.7	7.8	8.1	- 1.3	- 4.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.8	5.8	5.5	0	+ 5.5
Printing & Publishing	16.8	16.8	16.5	0	+ 1.8
Newspapers	3.6	3.6	3.5	0	+ 2.9
Chemicals & Allied Products	24.3	24.3	24.6	0	- 1.2
Plastic Materials & Synthetics	8.9	9.0	9.0	- 1.1	- 1.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	24.1	24.0	25.1	+ 0.4	- 4.0
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.8	3.8	3.6	0	+ 5.6

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2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products Labor Statistics.
Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products."
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ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

April, 1986

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	April 1986	March* 1986	April 1985	April 1986	March* 1986	April 1985	April 1986	March* 1986	April 1985
MANUFACTURING	$301.44	$301.85	$278.69	40.3	40.3	38.6	$ 7.48	$ 7.49	$ 7.22
DURABLE GOODS	315.02	316.57	292.99	40.7	40.9	39.7	7.74	7.74	7.38
Lumber & Wood Products	265.36	260.50	245.92	40.7	40.2	39.6	6.52	6.48	6.21
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	269.00	260.57	242.59	41.9	41.1	39.9	6.42	6.34	6.08
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	278.78	269.14	260.30	39.1	37.8	37.4	7.13	7.12	6.96
Furniture & Fixtures	267.84	268.81	249.74	39.1	39.3	38.6	6.85	6.84	6.47
Household Furniture	267.34	268.31	248.20	39.2	39.4	38.6	6.82	6.81	6.43
Wood Household Furniture	256.07	254.13	242.81	39.7	39.4	39.1	6.45	6.45	6.21
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	345.14	335.30	316.77	42.4	41.6	41.3	8.14	8.06	7.67
Structural Clay Products	291.64	284.50	257.92	42.7	42.4	41.6	6.83	6.71	6.20
Primary Metal Industries	378.25	383.21	354.88	42.5	43.3	42.5	8.90	8.85	8.35
Fabricated Metal Products	330.89	333.34	312.35	40.5	40.8	40.2	8.17	8.17	7.77
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	344.81	357.00	332.11	41.0	42.0	40.6	8.41	8.50	8.18
Special Industry Machinery	320.39	341.82	308.43	40.3	42.2	39.9	7.95	8.10	7.73
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	364.50	359.84	325.78	41.8	41.6	38.6	8.72	8.65	8.44
Household Appliances	281.18	277.85	254.93	40.4	40.8	37.0	6.96	6.81	6.89
Transportation Equipment	359.55	371.91	341.82	42.5	43.6	42.2	8.46	8.53	8.10
NONDURABLE GOODS	292.40	292.80	269.47	40.0	40.0	37.9	7.31	7.32	7.11
Food & Kindred Products	265.72	259.96	256.96	39.6	38.8	39.9	6.71	6.70	6.44
Meat Products	216.41	215.42	208.90	38.1	37.4	38.2	5.68	5.76	5.39
Meat Packing	313.84	341.97	291.60	40.6	42.8	40.0	7.73	7.99	7.29
Dairy Products	304.64	296.24	310.48	44.8	43.5	46.9	6.80	6.81	6.62
Grain Mill Products	316.22	312.91	300.03	43.2	43.1	43.8	7.32	7.26	6.85
Bakery Products	298.08	287.65	294.88	41.4	40.4	41.3	7.20	7.12	7.14
Beverages	520.15	504.74	500.87	43.6	43.4	45.7	11.93	11.63	10.96
Tobacco Manufacturers	499.50	502.56	424.27	35.3	36.0	31.9	14.15	13.96	13.30
Cigarettes	534.28	549.00	447.14	35.5	36.6	31.4	15.05	15.00	14.24
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	200.03	193.34	190.40	31.6	31.8	35.0	6.33	6.08	5.44
Textile Mill Products	269.53	269.78	242.30	40.9	41.0	37.8	6.59	6.58	6.41
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	290.73	286.38	274.94	40.1	39.5	38.4	7.25	7.25	7.16
Weaving Mills, Cotton	297.75	289.98	295.32	40.4	39.4	40.4	7.37	7.36	7.31
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	283.38	281.95	254.44	39.8	39.6	36.4	7.12	7.12	6.99
Knitting Mills	246.76	248.03	214.20	39.8	40.2	36.0	6.20	6.17	5.95
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	235.30	235.17	199.72	38.7	39.0	35.1	6.08	6.03	5.69
Hosiery, NEC	226.73	234.30	196.81	37.6	38.6	33.7	6.03	6.07	5.84
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	284.19	280.31	246.69	42.8	42.6	38.3	6.64	6.58	6.44
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	316.02	309.36	279.94	45.8	44.9	43.2	6.90	6.89	6.48
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	283.03	290.86	278.36	41.5	42.4	41.3	6.82	6.86	6.74
Yarn & Thread Mills	275.20	272.21	234.01	43.0	42.6	38.3	6.40	6.39	6.11
Apparel & Other Textile Products	195.98	196.50	183.34	37.4	37.5	35.6	5.24	5.24	5.15
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	200.09	200.78	180.23	37.4	37.6	34.2	5.35	5.34	5.27
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	182.16	182.65	167.74	37.1	37.2	34.8	4.91	4.91	4.82
Paper & Allied Products	508.12	501.75	496.38	44.3	44.6	44.3	11.47	11.25	11.25
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	661.42	641.72	646.05	45.9	46.2	47.4	14.41	13.89	13.63
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	354.48	364.97	340.17	42.2	43.5	42.1	8.40	8.39	8.08
Printing & Publishing	336.71	336.71	329.26	39.8	39.8	40.4	8.46	8.46	8.15
Newspapers	270.77	264.71	286.62	32.9	32.4	34.7	8.23	8.17	8.26
Chemicals & Allied Products	413.82	409.08	391.35	42.4	41.7	41.5	9.76	9.81	9.43
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	457.73	466.09	453.47	42.5	42.8	42.7	10.77	10.89	10.62
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	365.89	381.20	341.10	40.7	41.3	37.9	8.99	9.23	9.00
MINING	390.58	377.03	367.06	47.4	45.7	46.7	8.24	8.25	7.86
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	488.88	487.81	462.97	42.0	41.8	41.3	11.64	11.67	11.21
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	203.94	201.83	194.24	33.0	32.5	32.7	6.18	6.21	5.94
Wholesale Trade	323.99	317.19	298.58	39.9	39.5	39.6	8.12	8.03	7.54
Retail Trade	170.74	169.28	165.70	31.1	30.5	30.8	5.49	5.55	5.38
General Merchandise Stores	156.16	156.50	151.78	28.6	28.3	28.8	5.46	5.53	5.27
Variety Stores									
Food Stores	186.37	184.51	192.72	32.3	32.2	33.4	5.77	5.73	5.77
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	141.83	140.59	138.03	30.5	30.3	31.3	4.65	4.64	4.41
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	195.99	194.95	196.35	35.7	35.0	36.7	5.49	5.57	5.35

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NORTH CAROLINA
STATE LABOR SUMMARY
May, 1986

TOTAL UNADJUSTED EMPLOYMENT GREW OVER THE MONTH: As of mid-May of this year, total employment (not seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 2,972,000, an over-the-month increase of 25,400 people (+0.9 percent). North Carolina's seasonally adjusted employment total, however, was estimated to be 2,940,000 in the middle of May, 1986, a noticeable net monthly decline of 6,000 workers (-0.2 percent).

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT ROSE SLIGHTLY IN MAY: North Carolina's manufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated at 824,200 in the middle of May of this year for a monthly gain of 1,300 workers (+0.2 percent). The durable goods segment's employment suffered a small net over-the-month loss of 200 people (-0.1 percent), however, there was no significant industry movement in either direction. Lumber and wood grew by 500 workers (+1.4 percent), due mainly to gains in sawmills and planing mills (+100); millwork, plywood, and structural members (+100); and wood buildings and mobile homes (+100). Stone, clay, and glass added 200 people (+1.0 percent). Both transportation equipment and "other" durable goods fell by 400 persons each over the month. Employment in the nondurable goods segment experienced a net monthly increase of 1,600 workers (+0.3 percent) as two of its industry groups enjoyed significant growth. Employment in food and kindred products was up 500 (+1.1 percent) as meat products added 600, dairy products grew by 100, and beverages increased by 200. Textile mill products saw a worker gain of 1,300 (+0.6 percent) with knitting mills up 1,200 and yarn mills up 600.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT INCREASED OVER THE MONTH: Nonmanufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 1,893,000 as of mid-May, 1986, a net over-the-month gain of 6,100 workers (+0.3 percent). The largest net monthly increase occurred in the trade sector (+3,800; +0.6 percent), with retail trade specifically adding 4,000 people (+0.9 percent). Employment in the construction industry grew by 3,600 persons (+2.3 percent) over the month. Government employment fell by 2,700 workers (-0.6 percent), as state supported schools experienced the anticipated seasonal cutbacks of 4,500 employees (-6.6 percent).

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT ROSE IN MAY: The State's total unemployment estimate (not seasonally adjusted) was 170,800 as of the middle of May of this year, a net monthly increase of 12,400 people (+7.8 percent). Consequently, the unadjusted rate of unemployment climbed from 5.1 percent to 5.4 percent during that time. Seasonally adjusted total unemployment in North Carolina was estimated to be 185,000 as of mid-May, 1986, a net monthly rise of 6,000 people (+3.4 percent). As a result, the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment rose from 5.7 percent to 5.9 percent over the month. The unadjusted rate of unemployment for the nation was 7.0 percent in May and April of this year. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 7.3 percent in May, 1986, and 7.1 percent in April, 1986.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force 1/

	May, 1986	April, 1986	May, 1985 2/
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,142,800	3,105,000	3,084,500
Employment	2,972,000	2,946,600	2,917,600
Unemployment	170,800	158,400	166,900
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.1	5.4
(Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,125,000	3,125,000	3,068,000
Employment	2,940,000	2,946,000	2,887,000
Unemployment	185,000	179,000	181,000
Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.7	5.9
National Rate (Unadjusted)	7.0	7.0	7.0
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.3	7.1	7.3

1/ Data compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
2/ Revised.

BOTH AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS UP: The average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production employees rose by 4¢ an hour (+0.5 percent) to $7.53 from the middle of April to the middle of May, 1986. Workers in the durable goods segment received a small increase of 1¢ an hour (+0.1 percent) to rise to $7.76 over the month. Employees in electrical machinery experienced the largest net monthly advance in durable goods, up by 9¢ an hour (+1.0 percent) to $8.84. Lumber and wood products and primary metals tied for second, each enjoying a net over-the-month gain of 6¢ an hour. Employees in the nondurable goods segment saw net monthly growth of 6¢ an hour (+0.8 percent) to climb to $7.38 in May, 1986. Tobacco manufacturing workers set the pace in nondurable goods with a net over-the-month increase of 74¢ an hour (+5.2 percent) to jump to $14.89. The rubber sector followed as its employees enjoyed a net monthly gain of 22¢ an hour (+2.4 percent) to hit $9.30 in May of this year. From mid-April to mid-May, 1986, the average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers rose by $3.12 (+1.0 percent) to $304.97. During that same time period, average weekly hours rose by 0.2 of an hour to 40.5.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS INCREASED IN MAY: As of May 31, 1986, there were 184,930 active job applicants registered for work with the local Job Service offices across the State, a net over-the-month rise of 2,201 people (+1.2 percent). The largest applicant sector by age was the twenty-two to thirty-nine sector with 112,033 registered applicants or 60.6 percent of the total. Following was the twenty-one and under age segment with 33,186 or 17.9 percent. The fifty-five and over age section recorded the fewest active applicants with only 8,998 or 4.9 percent of the total. Females comprised the majority of the active applicants with 51.5 percent or 95,205. Most of the active applicants were white, not Hispanic, with a count of 100,743 or 54.5 percent of the total. The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's active applicant file as of the end of May of this year.

Statewide Active Applicant File
May 31, 1986

	Number	Percent
Total	184,930	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	33,186	17.9
22 - 39	112,033	60.6
40 - 54	30,713	16.6
55 and Over	8,998	4.9
Sex		
Male	89,725	48.5
Female	95,205	51.5
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	100,743	54.5
Black, not Hispanic	79,240	42.8
Hispanic	1,400	0.8
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,666	1.4
Other Races and Undetermined	881	0.5
Eligible Claimant	71,003	38.4
Veteran	33,271	18.0
Handicapped	12,412	6.7
Welfare	27,771	15.0
Seasonal Farmworker	2,794	1.5

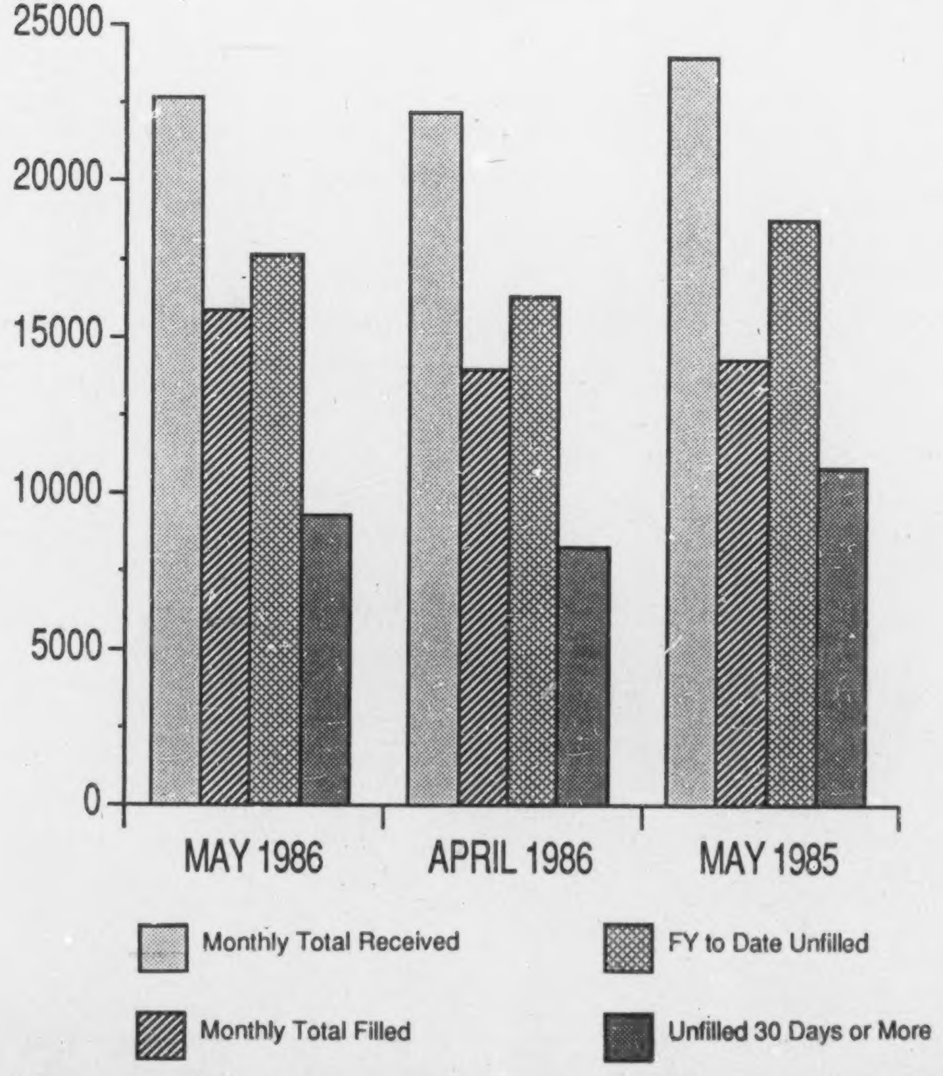
THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS ROSE SLIGHTLY OVER THE MONTH: During May of this year, there were 22,656 job openings received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina, a small net monthly gain of 462 (+2.1 percent). Most of those job openings were filled (15,778 or 69.6 percent). Farming, fishing, and forestry was the occupational category with the most job openings received in May of this year, a total of 3,778. A very high percentage of those openings was filled (93.9 percent or 3,548). Job openings received for the service group numbered 3,696, and 2,193 or 59.3 percent of these were filled. The miscellaneous sector followed with 3,039 received and 2,011 or 66.2 percent filled. Processing again had the fewest job openings received with just 800, but most of them were filled (635 or 79.4 percent). There were 235,854 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the State from July 1, 1985, through May 31, 1986. The majority of those were filled (181,062 or 76.8 percent). There were 17,604 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file as of the end of May of this year with more than half (9,347 or 53.1 percent) classified as hard-to-fill due to having been on file for thirty days or more. The next table gives more data from the Statewide job openings file for May, 1986, and for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1985, through May 31, 1986).

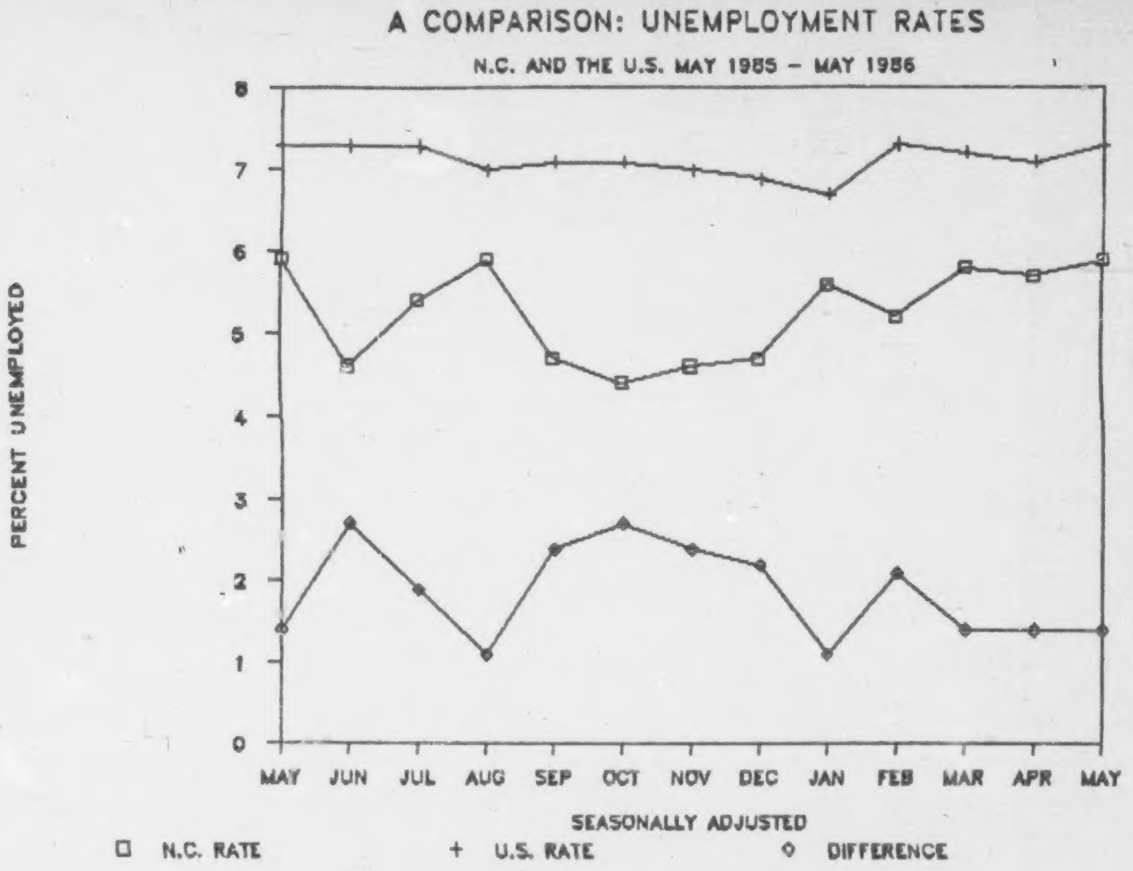
Statewide Job Openings Data

	May, 1986		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) as of May 31, 1986	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	1,009	361	10,027	4,474	1,897	1,225
Clerical	2,868	1,529	27,262	17,458	2,638	1,165
Sales	839	365	9,283	5,103	1,203	713
Service	3,696	2,193	38,765	27,882	3,615	1,929
Domestic	258	196	2,683	2,099	151	89
Other Services	3,438	1,997	36,082	25,783	3,464	1,840
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	3,778	3,548	35,955	34,952	264	135
Processing	800	635	9,330	8,216	365	148
Machine Trades	1,717	1,220	16,943	12,322	1,490	824
Bench Work	2,267	1,758	22,374	19,141	1,556	805
Structural Work	2,643	2,158	32,390	24,139	2,569	1,544
Miscellaneous	3,039	2,011	33,525	27,375	2,007	859
Motor Freight and Transp.	514	293	5,631	3,543	533	301
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	2,461	1,683	27,115	23,314	1,408	525
Other	64	35	779	518	66	33
Total	22,656	15,778	235,854	181,062	17,604	9,347

1/ July 1, 1985, through May 31, 1986.

NORTH CAROLINA JOB OPENINGS DATA

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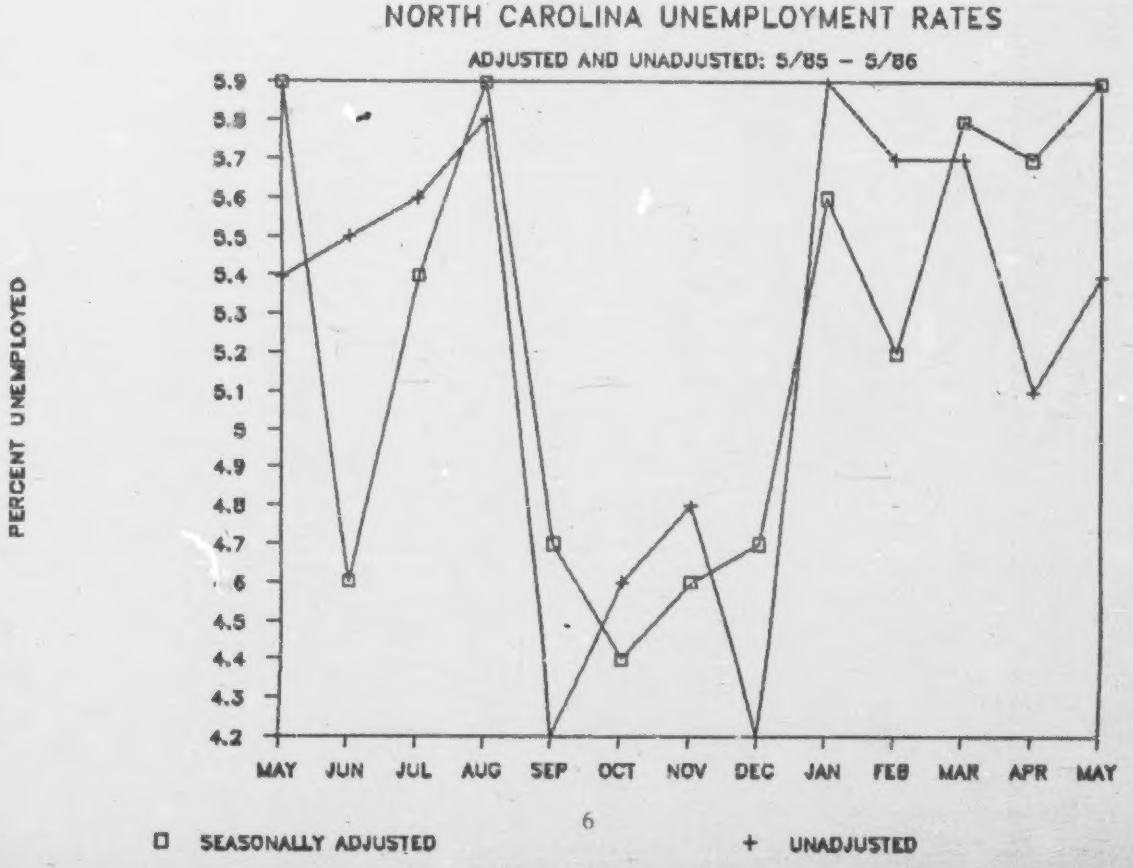
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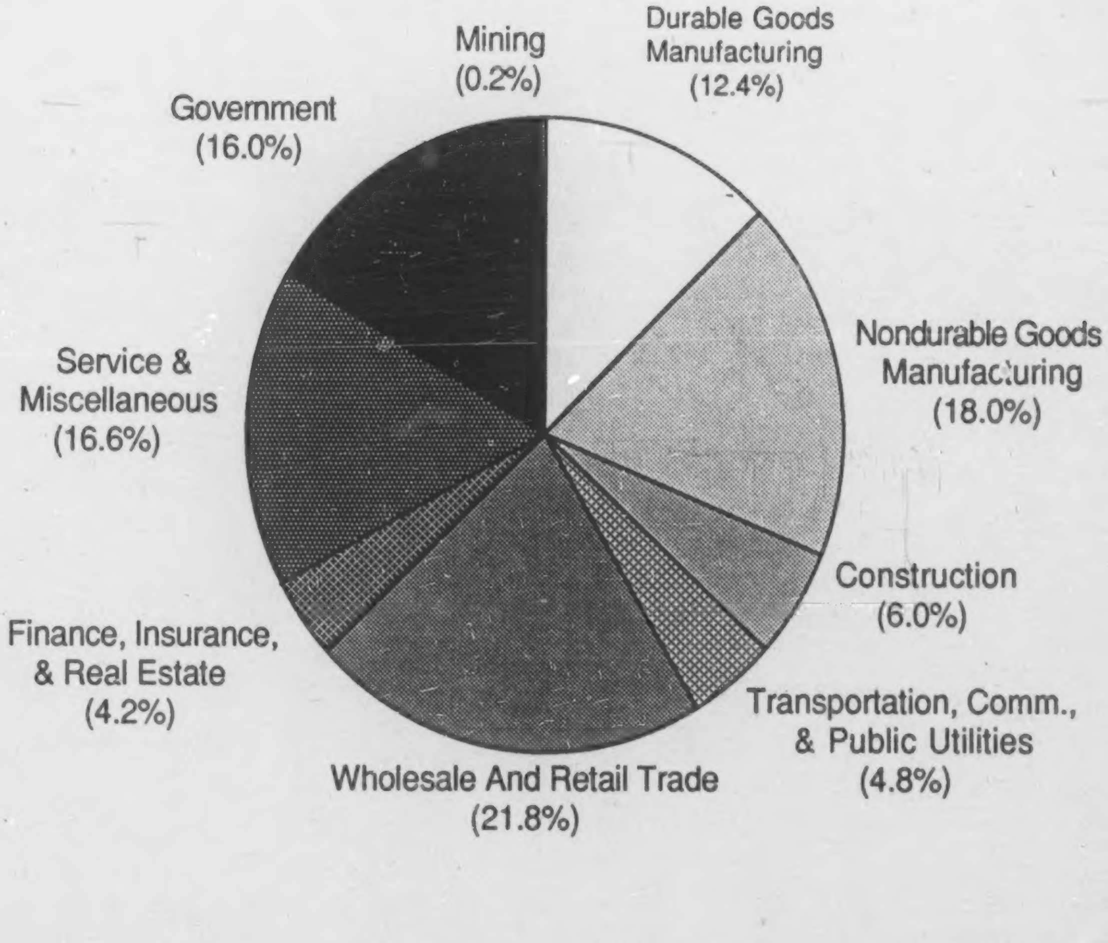
COMPOSITION OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA

MAY 1986

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

May, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	May 1986 (Thous)	April* 1986 (Thous)	May* 1985 (Thous)	April 1986	May 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,717.3	2,709.8	2,645.5	+ 0.3	+ 2.7
MANUFACTURING	824.2	822.9	826.0	+ 0.2	- 0.2
DURABLE GOODS	335.7	335.9	341.7	- 0.1	- 1.8
Lumber & Wood Products	35.9	35.4	36.3	+ 1.4	- 1.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.7	11.6	12.6	+ 0.9	- 7.1
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.6	8.5	8.7	+ 1.2	- 1.1
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.4	5.3	4.9	+ 1.9	+10.2
Furniture & Fixtures	84.5	84.7	84.4	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Household Furniture	74.8	74.9	74.7	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Wood Household Furniture	37.6	37.5	38.0	+ 0.3	- 1.1
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.0	31.1	30.7	- 0.3	+ 1.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.6	19.4	19.6	+ 1.0	0
Structural Clay Products	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.7	5.7	5.5	0	+ 3.6
Primary Metal Industries	10.6	10.5	10.6	+ 1.0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	26.5	26.4	26.8	+ 0.4	- 1.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.2	8.2	8.5	0	- 3.5
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	55.5	55.5	57.9	0	- 4.1
Special Industry Machinery	7.1	7.1	7.2	0	- 1.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	63.1	63.2	66.5	- 0.2	- 5.1
Household Appliances	4.4	4.3	5.5	+ 2.3	-20.0
Transportation Equipment	23.5	23.9	23.1	- 1.7	+ 1.7
Other Durable Goods 2/	16.4	16.8	16.5	- 2.4	- 0.6
NONDURABLE GOODS	488.6	487.0	484.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.9
Food & Kindred Products	47.0	46.5	44.3	+ 1.1	+ 6.1
Meat Products	20.6	20.0	18.7	+ 3.0	+10.2
Meat Packing Plants	2.4	2.5	2.4	- 4.0	0
Dairy Products	3.2	3.1	3.0	+ 3.2	+ 6.7
Grain Mill Products	2.3	2.4	2.4	- 4.2	- 4.2
Bakery Products	7.8	7.8	7.7	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.0	5.8	5.8	+ 3.4	+ 3.4
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.7	23.9	24.2	- 0.8	- 2.1
Cigarettes	20.5	20.3	20.5	+ 1.0	0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.6	2.9	3.2	-10.3	-18.8
Textile Mill Products	207.6	206.3	208.4	+ 0.6	- 0.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	51.7	52.3	57.5	- 1.1	-10.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	27.2	27.6	29.7	- 1.4	- 8.4
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	23.9	24.1	27.2	- 0.8	-12.1
Knitting Mills	77.8	76.6	74.4	+ 1.6	+ 4.6
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.3	25.2	24.3	+ 0.4	+ 4.1
Hosiery, NEC	23.8	23.4	22.8	+ 1.7	+ 4.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.6	13.1	12.5	+ 3.8	+ 8.8
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.2	6.1	6.1	+ 1.6	+ 1.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.3	14.3	14.5	0	- 1.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	49.6	49.0	47.9	+ 1.2	+ 3.5

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OR NORTH CAROLINA 1/

May, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT May 1986 (Thous)	April* 1986 (Thous)	May* 1985 (Thous)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: April 1986	May 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.6	89.6	86.3	0	+ 3.8
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furn.	31.1	31.0	28.9	+ 0.3	+ 7.6
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.6	37.9	38.0	- 0.8	- 1.1
Paper & Allied Products	22.2	22.2	22.2	0	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.5	10.6	10.9	- 0.9	- 3.7
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.7	7.7	7.6	0	+ 1.3
Printing & Publishing	27.1	27.2	26.3	- 0.4	+ 3.0
Newspapers	9.8	9.7	9.4	+ 1.0	+ 4.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.5	37.2	37.7	+ 0.8	- 0.5
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.9	12.8	12.9	+ 0.8	0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.5	29.5	30.7	0	- 3.9
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.4	4.5	4.3	- 2.2	+ 2.3
NONMANUFACTURING	1,893.0	1,886.9	1,819.5	+ 0.3	+ 4.0
MINING	4.7	4.6	4.8	+ 2.2	- 2.1
CONSTRUCTION	162.4	158.8	149.2	+ 2.3	+ 8.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	131.2	131.0	128.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.8
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	71.1	71.2	69.5	- 0.1	+ 2.3
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.5	55.2	54.6	+ 0.5	+ 1.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	595.9	592.1	572.1	+ 0.6	+ 4.2
Wholesale Trade	140.3	140.4	136.6	- 0.1	+ 2.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	85.5	85.4	83.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.9
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	54.7	55.0	53.5	- 0.5	+ 2.2
Retail Trade	455.7	451.7	435.6	+ 0.9	+ 4.6
General Merchandise Stores	60.3	59.3	57.1	+ 1.7	+ 5.6
Food Stores	72.4	71.4	70.0	+ 1.4	+ 3.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	114.4	113.5	107.5	+ 0.8	+ 6.4
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	450.0	449.7	426.7	+ 0.1	+ 5.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	27.6	27.3	25.5	+ 1.1	+ 8.2
Personal Services	28.3	28.4	26.4	- 0.4	+ 7.2
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.7	11.6	11.3	+ 0.9	+ 3.5
Health Services	113.8	113.1	109.0	+ 0.6	+ 4.4
Hospitals	43.9	43.7	42.8	+ 0.5	+ 2.6
Legal Services	11.0	10.8	9.5	+ 1.9	+15.8
Educational Services	31.2	34.4	32.0	- 9.3	- 2.5
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	434.5	437.2	430.3	- 0.6	+ 1.0
Federal	52.4	52.1	51.4	+ 0.6	+ 1.9
State	124.0	128.4	126.4	- 3.4	- 1.9
Education	64.0	68.5	64.7	- 6.6	- 1.1
Other	59.9	59.9	61.8	0	- 3.1
Local	258.1	256.7	252.5	+ 0.5	+ 2.2
Education	138.3	137.8	137.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.7
Other	119.8	118.9	115.1	+ 0.8	+ 4.1

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.
Compiled by Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with USDOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics. *Revised.

Seasonally Adjusted

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

May , 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT May 1986 (thous)	April* 1986 (thous)	May* 1985 (thous)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: April 1986	May 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,711.6	2,707.8	2,640.9	+ 0.1	+ 2.7
MANUFACTURING	826.1	824.9	828.3	+ 0.1	- 0.3
DURABLE GOODS	336.4	336.4	342.9	0	- 1.9
Lumber & Wood Products	35.6	35.6	36.0	0	- 1.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.5	11.6	12.4	- 0.9	- 7.3
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.5	8.5	8.6	0	- 1.2
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.3	5.4	4.8	- 1.9	+10.4
Furniture & Fixtures	84.9	84.3	85.2	+ 0.7	- 0.4
Household Furniture	75.1	74.4	75.0	+ 0.9	+ 0.1
Wood Household Furniture	37.4	37.1	37.8	+ 0.8	- 1.1
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.2	31.2	30.9	0	+ 1.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.6	19.6	19.6	0	0
Structural Clay Products	2.5	2.7	2.5	- 7.4	0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.6	5.7	5.4	- 1.8	+ 3.7
Primary Metal Industries	10.6	10.5	10.6	+ 1.0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	26.7	26.6	27.0	+0.4	- 1.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.2	8.3	8.5	- 1.2	- 3.5
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	55.7	55.7	58.1	0	- 4.1
Special Industry Machinery	7.1	7.1	7.2	0	- 1.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	63.4	63.7	66.8	- 0.5	- 5.1
Household Appliances	4.5	4.8	5.7	- 6.2	-21.1
Transportation Equipment	23.3	23.6	22.9	- 1.3	+ 1.7
Other Durable Goods 2/	16.6	16.8	16.7	- 1.2	- 0.6
NONDURABLE GOODS	489.7	488.5	485.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Food & Kindred Products	47.4	47.2	44.6	+ 0.4	+ 6.3
Meat Products	20.7	20.2	18.8	+ 2.5	+10.1
Meat Packing Plants	2.4	2.5	2.4	- 4.0	0
Dairy Products	3.2	3.1	3.0	+ 3.2	+ 6.7
Grain Mill Products	2.3	2.4	2.4	- 4.2	- 4.2
Bakery Products	7.8	7.9	7.7	- 1.3	+ 1.3
Beverages	5.9	5.9	5.7	0	+ 3.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.6	26.0	26.2	- 1.5	- 2.3
Cigarettes	20.7	20.3	20.7	+ 2.0	0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.2	4.9	5.3	-14.3	-20.8
Textile Mill Products	206.6	205.3	207.3	+ 0.6	- 0.3
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	51.8	52.2	57.6	- 0.8	-10.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	27.4	27.7	29.9	- 1.1	- 8.4
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	23.7	24.0	27.0	- 1.2	-12.2
Knitting Mills	77.1	76.3	73.8	+ 1.0	+ 4.5
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.4	25.3	24.4	+ 0.4	+ 4.1
Hosiery, NEC	23.7	23.4	22.7	+ 1.3	+ 4.4
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.4	12.9	12.3	+ 3.9	+ 8.9
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.1	6.0	6.0	+ 1.7	+ 1.7
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.3	14.3	14.5	0	- 1.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	49.3	48.6	47.6	+ 1.4	+ 3.6

Seasonally Adjusted

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OR NORTH CAROLINA 1/

May , 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	May 1986 (thous)	April* 1986 (thous)	May* 1985 (thous)	April 1986	May 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.7	89.9	86.4	- 0.2	+ 3.8
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furn.	31.3	31.1	29.1	+ 0.6	+ 7.6
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.5	38.0	37.9	- 1.3	- 1.1
Paper & Allied Products	22.4	22.2	22.4	+ 0.9	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.6	10.7	11.0	- 0.9	- 3.6
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.8	7.8	7.7	0	+ 1.3
Printing & Publishing	27.1	27.0	26.3	+ 0.4	+ 3.0
Newspapers	9.8	9.8	9.4	0	+ 4.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.4	37.1	37.6	+ 0.8	- 0.5
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.9	12.7	12.9	+ 1.6	0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.1	29.3	30.3	- 0.7	- 4.0
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.4	4.5	4.3	- 2.2	+ 2.3
NONMANUFACTURING	1,885.5	1,882.9	1,812.6	+ 0.1	+ 4.0
MINING	4.6	4.6	4.7	0	- 2.1
CONSTRUCTION	160.8	160.9	147.7	- 0.1	+ 8.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	130.9	131.3	128.7	- 0.3	+ 1.7
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	71.0	71.3	69.4	- 0.4	+ 2.3
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.3	55.2	54.4	+ 0.2	+ 1.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	597.8	598.0	574.3	-0.03	+ 4.1
Wholesale Trade	141.6	141.7	138.1	- 0.1	+ 2.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	85.6	85.4	83.2	+ 0.2	+ 2.9
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	56.0	56.3	54.9	- 0.5	+ 2.0
Retail Trade	456.2	456.3	436.2	-0.02	+ 4.6
General Merchandise Stores	61.7	61.4	58.4	+ 0.5	+ 5.7
Food Stores	72.8	72.1	70.4	+ 0.9	+ 3.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	114.6	114.0	107.7	+ 0.5	+ 6.4
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	450.0	447.9	426.5	+ 0.5	+ 5.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	27.0	27.9	25.0	- 3.2	+ 8.0
Personal Services	28.4	27.8	26.5	+ 2.2	+ 7.2
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.7	11.6	11.3	+ 0.9	+ 3.5
Health Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hospitals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Legal Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Educational Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	426.8	426.2	423.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Federal	52.2	52.3	51.2	- 0.2	+ 2.0
State	124.4	124.3	127.3	+ 0.1	- 2.3
Education	65.0	64.1	65.8	+ 1.4	- 1.2
Other	59.4	60.2	61.3	- 1.3	- 3.1
Local	250.2	249.6	244.5	+ 0.2	+ 2.3
Education	129.9	129.5	129.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
Other	120.3	120.1	115.5	+ 0.2	+ 4.2

1/ Current month data are preliminary. * Revised.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

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ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

May, 1986

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	May 1986	April* 1986	May* 1985	April 1986	May 1985
MANUFACTURING	652.5	651.7	653.9	+ 0.1	- 0.2
DURABLE GOODS	253.7	254.0	257.8	- 0.1	- 1.6
Lumber & Wood Products	30.7	30.3	31.1	+ 1.3	- 1.3
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.5	7.4	7.6	+ 1.4	- 1.3
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.5	4.4	3.9	+ 2.3	+15.4
Furniture & Fixtures	74.5	74.6	75.0	- 0.1	- 0.7
Household Furniture	66.5	66.6	67.0	- 0.2	- 0.7
Wood Household Furniture	34.4	34.3	35.0	+ 0.3	- 1.7
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.9	15.7	16.1	+ 1.3	- 1.2
Structural Clay Products	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Primary Metal Industries	7.9	7.8	7.9	+ 1.3	0
Fabricated Metal Products	19.8	19.7	20.0	+ 0.5	- 1.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	28.5	28.4	27.9	+ 0.4	+ 2.2
Special Industry Machinery	4.8	4.8	4.9	0	- 2.0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	45.3	45.3	48.3	0	- 6.2
Household Appliances	3.7	3.6	4.9	+ 2.8	+24.5
Transportation Equipment	18.8	19.3	18.7	- 2.6	+ 0.5
NONDURABLE GOODS	398.8	397.7	396.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	33.3	32.9	30.7	+ 1.2	+ 8.5
Meat Products	18.4	17.8	16.5	+ 3.4	+11.5
Meat Packing	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Dairy Products	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 6.7
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 6.2
Bakery Products	4.3	4.4	4.3	- 2.3	0
Beverages	2.5	2.4	2.3	+ 4.2	+ 8.7
Tobacco Manufacturers	17.8	18.1	18.8	- 1.7	- 5.3
Cigarettes	15.8	15.9	16.2	- 0.6	- 2.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	1.5	1.7	2.2	-11.8	-31.8
Textile Mill Products	183.5	182.3	184.4	+ 0.7	- 0.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	45.6	46.2	50.8	- 1.3	-10.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton	23.8	24.2	26.1	- 1.7	- 8.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	21.3	21.5	24.3	- 0.9	-12.3
Knitting Mills	69.0	67.9	65.8	+ 1.6	+ 4.9
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.8	22.6	21.8	+ 0.9	+ 4.6
Hosiery, NEC	21.4	21.1	20.8	+ 1.4	+ 2.9
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	11.7	11.1	10.6	+ 5.4	+10.4
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.5	5.4	5.3	+ 1.9	+ 3.8
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.0	12.0	12.2	0	- 1.6
Yarn & Thread Mills	45.0	44.5	43.8	+ 1.1	+ 2.7
Apparel & Other Textile Products	78.6	78.6	75.9	0	+ 3.6
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	27.2	27.2	26.0	0	+ 4.6
Women's & Children's Garments	32.9	33.1	32.9	- 0.6	0
Paper & Allied Products	16.6	16.7	16.7	- 0.6	- 0.6
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.6	7.7	8.0	- 1.3	- 5.0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.9	5.9	5.7	0	+ 3.5
Printing & Publishing	16.6	16.8	16.6	- 1.2	0
Newspapers	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 2.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	24.6	24.3	24.5	+ 1.2	+ 0.4
Plastic Materials & Synthetics	9.1	8.9	8.9	+ 2.2	+ 2.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	24.1	24.1	25.1	0	- 4.0
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.7	3.8	3.5	- 2.6	+ 5.7

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2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products."

* Revised.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

May, 1986

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	May 1986	April* 1986	May* 1985	May 1986	April* 1986	May* 1985	May 1986	April* 1986	May* 1985
MANUFACTURING	$304.97	$301.85	$283.92	40.5	40.3	39.0	$ 7.53	$ 7.49	$ 7.28
DURABLE GOODS	314.28	315.43	296.21	40.5	40.7	39.6	7.76	7.75	7.48
Lumber & Wood Products	268.96	264.55	254.29	41.0	40.7	40.3	6.56	6.50	6.31
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	271.99	268.16	254.12	42.3	41.9	40.4	6.43	6.40	6.29
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	287.73	278.07	284.12	39.2	39.0	40.3	7.34	7.13	7.05
Furniture & Fixtures	261.67	267.84	242.63	38.2	39.1	37.5	6.85	6.85	6.47
Household Furniture	259.46	267.34	239.84	38.1	39.2	37.3	6.81	6.82	6.43
Wood Household Furniture	252.06	255.42	238.46	39.2	39.6	38.4	6.43	6.45	6.21
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	336.52	345.56	326.76	41.7	42.4	42.0	8.07	8.15	7.78
Structural Clay Products	299.93	291.90	275.42	44.5	42.8	42.9	6.74	6.82	6.42
Primary Metal Industries	380.84	375.62	364.66	42.6	42.3	42.8	8.94	8.88	8.52
Fabricated Metal Products	324.82	331.30	322.29	40.2	40.6	40.9	8.03	8.16	7.88
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	346.09	343.99	341.55	41.3	41.0	41.5	8.38	8.39	8.23
Special Industry Machinery	326.83	321.58	313.94	40.3	40.4	40.3	8.11	7.96	7.82
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	372.16	364.88	330.79	42.1	41.7	39.1	8.84	8.75	8.46
Household Appliances	285.01	276.58	238.03	40.6	38.9	34.8	7.02	7.11	6.84
Transportation Equipment	357.01	360.82	353.22	42.3	42.6	41.9	8.44	8.47	8.43
NONDURABLE GOODS	298.89	292.80	275.60	40.5	40.0	38.6	7.38	7.32	7.14
Food & Kindred Products	271.55	267.58	261.60	39.7	39.7	40.0	6.84	6.74	6.54
Meat Products	220.80	218.31	213.89	38.2	38.1	38.4	5.78	5.73	5.57
Meat Packing	337.56	326.40	313.97	43.5	41.9	42.2	7.76	7.79	7.44
Dairy Products	298.14	301.44	305.44	44.3	44.2	46.0	6.73	6.82	6.64
Grain Mill Products	305.86	315.49	299.98	41.5	43.1	43.1	7.37	7.32	6.96
Bakery Products	298.91	297.25	298.39	41.4	41.4	41.5	7.22	7.18	7.19
Beverages	573.50	520.15	509.15	46.4	43.6	45.5	12.36	11.93	11.19
Tobacco Manufacturers	573.27	499.50	473.24	38.5	35.3	34.9	14.89	14.15	13.56
Cigarettes	613.04	534.63	502.16	38.8	35.5	34.8	15.80	15.06	14.43
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	215.21	200.03	199.64	34.6	31.7	34.6	6.22	6.31	5.77
Textile Mill Products	272.41	269.53	247.30	41.4	40.9	38.4	6.58	6.59	6.44
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	300.21	294.59	261.72	40.9	40.3	36.4	7.34	7.31	7.19
Weaving Mills, Cotton	298.00	302.19	259.51	40.0	40.4	35.5	7.45	7.48	7.31
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	302.52	285.11	264.13	41.9	40.1	37.5	7.22	7.11	7.07
Knitting Mills	246.83	246.18	227.62	40.2	39.9	38.0	6.14	6.17	5.99
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	234.00	235.98	229.32	39.0	39.2	39.0	6.00	6.02	5.88
Hosiery, NEC	234.52	225.52	204.03	38.7	37.4	35.3	6.06	6.03	5.78
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	275.33	281.11	254.13	42.1	42.4	39.4	6.54	6.63	6.45
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	314.62	317.62	279.54	46.2	46.3	42.1	6.81	6.86	6.64
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	275.40	278.80	276.89	40.5	41.0	40.9	6.80	6.80	6.77
Yarn & Thread Mills	279.44	275.63	246.80	43.8	43.0	40.0	6.38	6.41	4.17
Apparel & Other Textile Products	198.22	197.63	190.36	37.9	37.5	37.1	5.23	5.27	5.13
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	198.06	205.25	187.43	37.3	37.8	35.7	5.31	5.43	5.25
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	185.71	182.65	183.44	37.9	37.2	37.9	4.90	4.91	4.84
Paper & Allied Products	501.67	500.20	468.10	44.2	43.8	42.4	11.35	11.42	11.04
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	650.13	660.10	586.28	45.4	46.0	43.3	14.32	14.35	13.54
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	366.68	351.96	338.52	43.6	42.0	42.0	8.41	8.38	8.06
Printing & Publishing	346.87	337.45	317.07	40.1	39.7	39.0	8.65	8.50	8.13
Newspapers	267.81	270.27	283.85	32.9	32.8	34.7	8.14	8.24	8.18
Chemicals & Allied Products	408.93	415.39	391.35	41.6	42.3	41.5	9.83	9.82	9.43
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	462.44	463.86	459.36	42.7	42.4	43.5	10.83	10.94	10.56
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	381.30	369.56	354.24	41.0	40.7	40.3	9.30	9.08	8.79
MINING	399.36	391.88	376.04	47.6	47.5	47.3	8.39	8.25	7.95
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	485.89	490.98	467.41	41.6	42.0	41.4	11.68	11.69	11.29
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	203.10	204.02	197.73	32.6	32.8	32.9	6.23	6.22	6.01
Wholesale Trade	323.93	322.36	301.78	39.6	39.7	39.5	8.18	8.12	7.64
Retail Trade	169.77	170.88	168.87	30.7	30.9	31.1	5.53	5.53	5.43
General Merchandise Stores	159.29	159.29	154.28	28.7	28.7	29.0	5.55	5.55	5.32
Food Stores	186.30	186.37	188.35	32.4	32.3	32.7	5.75	5.77	5.76
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	141.37	142.76	135.30	30.6	30.7	30.2	4.62	4.65	4.48
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	194.86	195.80	197.62	35.3	35.6	36.8	5.52	5.50	5.37

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Information not available.
* Revised.

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State Labor Summary
NORTH CAROLINA

June 1986

Employment Security Commission
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Labor Market Information Division

NORTH CAROLINA
STATE LABOR SUMMARY
June, 1986

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT CLIMBS FROM MAY TO JUNE: North Carolina's total employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 3,029,600 in the middle of June, 1986, a net monthly jump of 57,600 workers (+1.9 percent). The State's seasonally adjusted total employment was estimated to be 3,017,000 as of mid-June of this year, a net over-the-month surge of 77,000 people (+2.6 percent).

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT DOWN A LITTLE OVER THE MONTH: As of mid-June, 1986, manufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 824,300, a slight net over-the-month decline of 200 people. Employment in the durable goods sector sustained a net monthly decrease of 4,300 workers (-1.3 percent) due mainly to the cutback of 3,600 (-5.7 percent) in electrical machinery. A net monthly employment growth of 4,100 (+0.8 percent) in the nondurable goods sector partially offset the loss in durables. Food and kindred products and textile mill products continued to account for most of the growth in nondurable goods. Overall, food and kindred products added 1,700 workers (+3.6 percent) with meat products up 300 and grain mill products up 100. Textile mill products also increased by 1,700 people (+0.8 percent) over the month with worker gains in weaving mills (+200), knitting mills (+1,100), and yarn mills (+300).

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT CONTINUED TO GROW: As of the middle of June of this year, North Carolina's nonmanufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 1,906,000, a net monthly increase of 12,800 people (+0.7 percent). Six of the seven industry groups displayed over-the-month growth. Trade and services shared the lead in nonmanufacturing, each adding 3,500 workers from May to June, 1986. In trade, the wholesale sector rose by 1,200 while the retail sector climbed by 2,300. In services, hotels and other lodging places added 2,400, medical and other health services rose by 1,600, and legal services increased by 300.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS SHARPLY: As of mid-June, 1986, North Carolina's seasonally adjusted total unemployment was estimated to be 158,000, a net over-the-month decline of 27,000 persons (-14.6 percent). As a result, the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment fell from 5.9 percent in May to 5.0 percent in June. The State's unadjusted total unemployment was estimated to be 176,400 in the middle of June of this year, a net over-the-month increase of 5,600 people (+3.3 percent). The unadjusted rate of unemployment, consequently, inched forward from 5.4 percent to 5.5 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 7.3 percent in June, 1986, and 7.0 percent in May, 1986. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the nation were 7.1 percent this June and 7.3 percent this May.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force 1/

	June, 1986	May, 1986	June, 1985 2/
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,206,000	3,142,800	3,110,200
Employment	3,029,600	2,972,000	2,940,300
Unemployment	176,400	170,800	169,900
Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.4	5.5
(Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,175,000	3,125,000	3,077,000
Employment	3,017,000	2,940,000	2,926,000
Unemployment	158,000	185,000	151,000
Unemployment Rate	5.0	5.9	4.9
National Rate (Unadjusted)	7.3	7.0	7.5
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.1	7.3	7.3

1/ Data compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
2/ Revised.

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS FALL BUT AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS RISE: From mid-May to mid-June of this year, the average hourly earnings of the State's manufacturing production workers fell by 3¢ an hour (-0.4 percent) to $7.50. Even though workers in stone, clay, and glass and fabricated metals enjoyed net over-the-month gains of 13¢ an hour (+1.6 percent) to rise to $8.25 and $8.36, respectively, employees in the durable goods sector as a whole experienced a net monthly loss of 5¢ an hour (-0.6 percent) to drop to $7.73 in June, 1986. In tobacco manufacturing, employees gained 31¢ an hour (+2.1 percent) to climb to $15.18 in June of this year, but overall, workers in the nondurable goods sector also sustained a small loss of 2¢ an hour (-0.3 percent) to decline to $7.35 over the month. The average weekly earnings of Statewide manufacturing production employees decreased by 47¢ (-0.2 percent) to $305.25 from the middle of May to the middle of June, 1986. Average weekly hours, which stood at 40.7 this June, were up by 0.1 of an hour over the month.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS CONTINUED TO GROW: There were 193,656 active job applicants registered for work with the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina at the end of June of this year, a significant net monthly increase of 8,726 persons (+4.7 percent). The largest applicant segment by age was the twenty-two to thirty-nine segment with 113,858 registered applicants or 58.8 percent of the total. The twenty-one and under age sector followed with 39,516 or 20.4 percent. The lowest number of active applicants was registered in the fifty-five and over age group with 9,181 or 4.7 percent of the total. Most of the active applicants were females (99,596 or 51.4 percent), and the white, not Hispanic, group numbered 102,704 or 53.0 percent. The next table gives more data from the State's active applicant file as of June 30, 1986.

Statewide Active Applicant File
June 30, 1986

	Number	Percent
Total	193,656	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	39,516	20.4
22 - 39	113,858	58.8
40 - 54	31,101	16.1
55 and Over	9,181	4.7
Sex		
Male	94,060	48.6
Female	99,596	51.4
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	102,704	53.0
Black, not Hispanic	85,113	44.0
Hispanic	2,015	1.0
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,864	1.5
Other Races and Undetermined	960	0.5
Eligible Claimant	70,547	36.4
Veteran	33,931	17.5
Handicapped	12,668	6.5
Welfare	27,718	14.3
Seasonal Farmworker	4,573	2.4

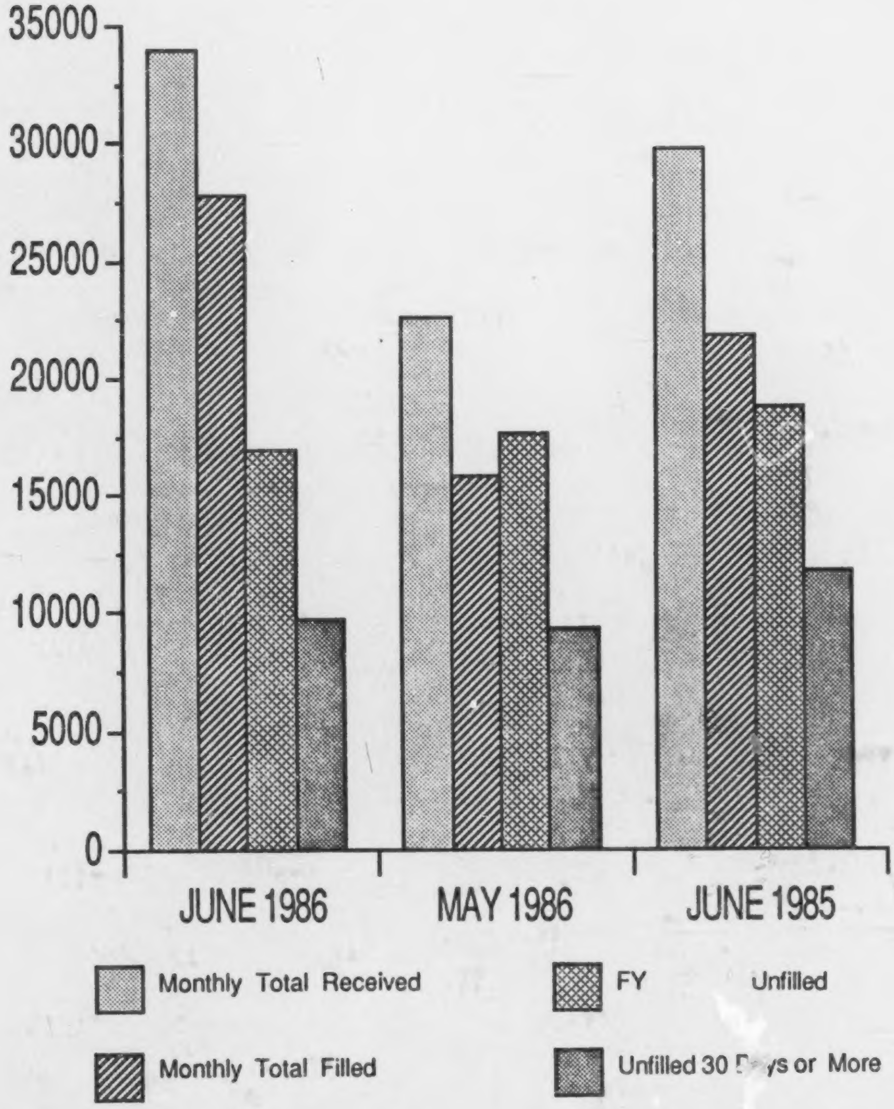
THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS INCREASED GREATLY IN JUNE: There were 33,959 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the State during June, 1986, a rather large gain of 11,303 (+49.9 percent). A high percentage of those job openings was filled (81.9 percent or 27,829). The occupational group with the largest number of job openings received this June was farming, fishing, and forestry with 12,934, and most of those were filled (12,392 or 95.8 percent). Openings received in the miscellaneous category numbered 3,865 with 3,158 or 81.7 percent filled, while those received in the service segment totalled 3,785 of which 2,796 or 73.9 percent were filled. The fewest job openings, 784, received in June, 1986, were found in sales. Of these, 444 or 56.6 percent were filled. From July 1, 1985, through June 30, 1986, there were 269,813 job openings received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina. Most of those were filled (208,891 or 77.4 percent). As of June 30, 1986, there were 17,034 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file. A total of 9,691 (56.9 percent) had been on file for thirty days or more and, therefore, were classified as hard-to-fill. The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's job openings file for June, 1986, and for Fiscal Year 1986 (July 1, 1985, through June 30, 1986).

Statewide Job Openings Data

	June, 1986		Fiscal Year 1986 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) as of June 30, 1986	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	1,038	589	11,065	5,063	1,719	1,122
Clerical	3,066	2,078	30,328	19,536	2,668	1,466
Sales	784	444	10,067	5,547	1,106	675
Service	3,785	2,796	42,550	30,678	3,354	1,974
Domestic	327	266	3,010	2,365	127	86
Other Services	3,458	2,530	39,540	28,313	3,227	1,888
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	12,934	12,392	48,889	47,344	312	187
Processing	1,231	1,102	10,561	9,318	320	126
Machine Trades	1,953	1,276	18,896	13,598	1,611	735
Bench Work	1,947	1,720	24,321	20,861	1,109	552
Structural Work	3,356	2,274	35,746	26,413	2,671	1,520
Miscellaneous	3,865	3,158	37,390	30,533	2,164	1,334
Motor Freight and Transp.	583	339	6,214	3,882	531	261
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	3,207	2,779	30,322	26,093	1,561	1,039
Other	75	40	854	558	72	34
Total	33,959	27,829	269,813	208,891	17,034	9,691

1/ July 1, 1985, through June 30, 1986.

NORTH CAROLINA JOB OPENINGS DATA



A COMPARISON: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

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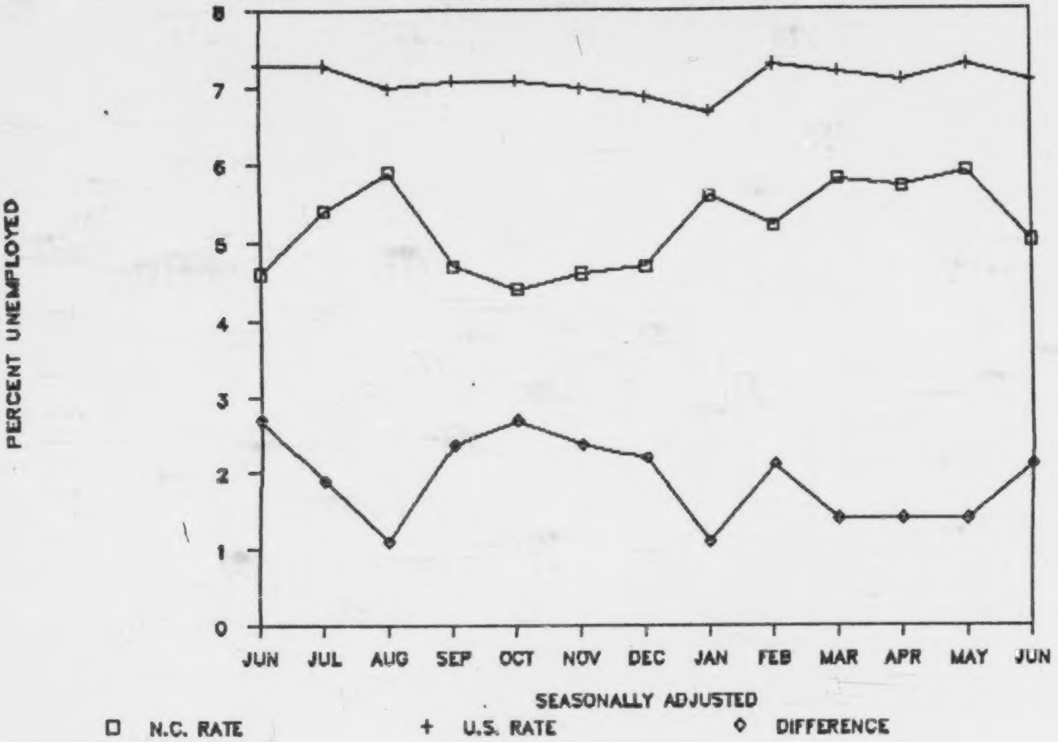

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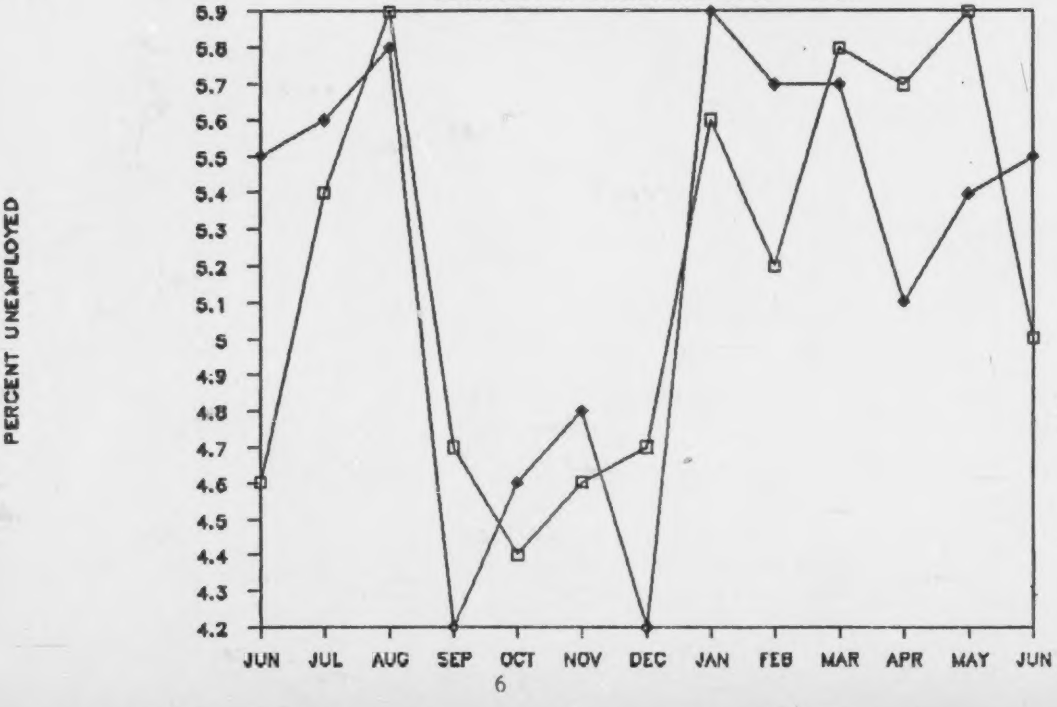

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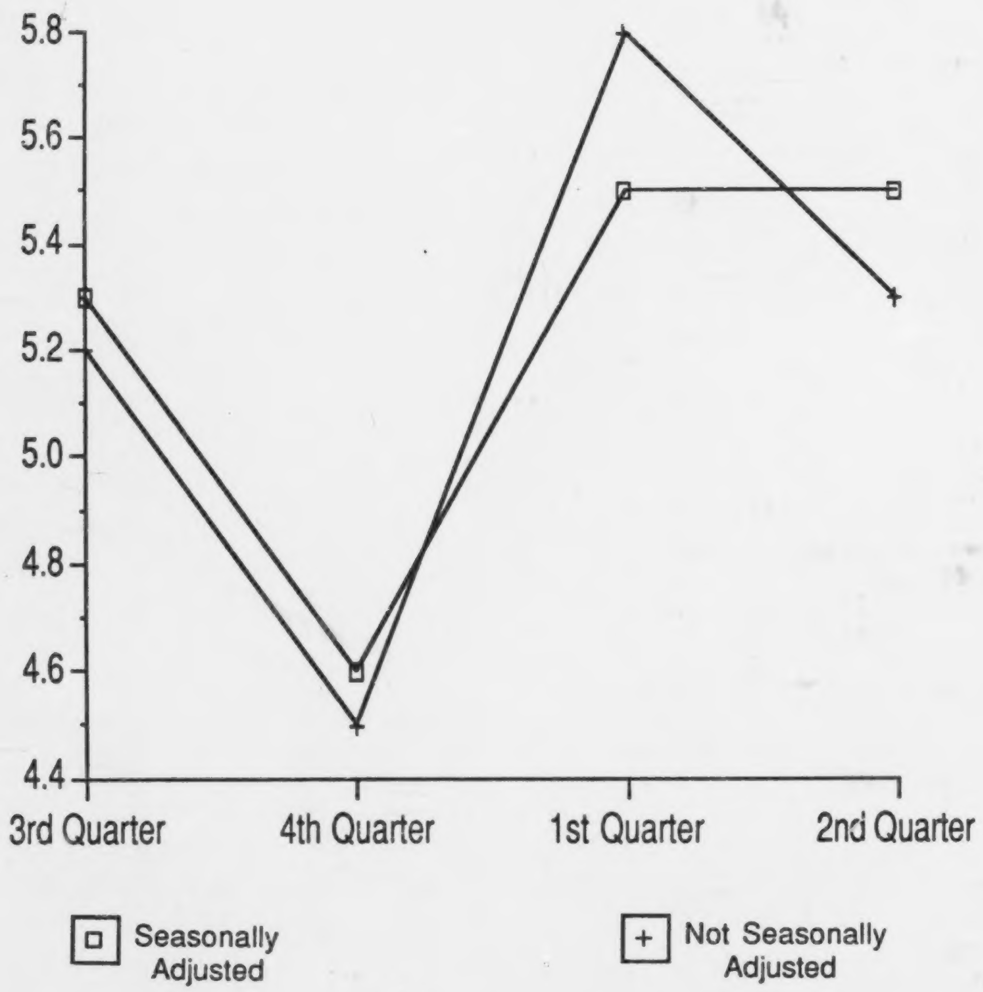

COMPOSITION OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 1986

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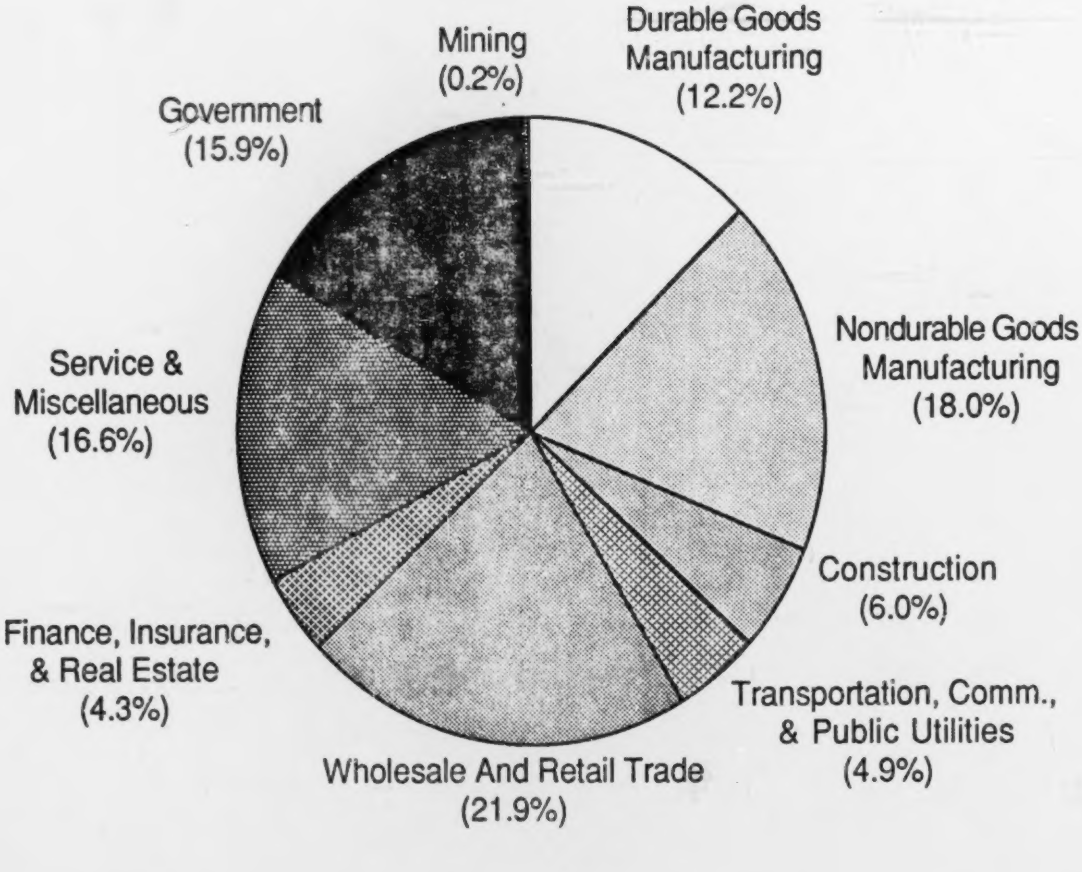

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

June, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	June 1986 (Thous.)	May* 1986 (Thous.)	June* 1985 (Thous.)	May 1986	June 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,730.3	2,717.7	2,659.5	+ 0.5	+ 2.7
MANUFACTURING	824.3	824.5	829.0	**	- 0.6
DURABLE GOODS	332.2	336.5	342.6	- 1.3	- 3.0
Lumber & Wood Products	35.8	35.8	36.5	0	- 1.9
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.7	11.7	12.6	0	- 7.1
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.6	8.6	8.7	0	- 1.1
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.4	5.4	4.9	0	+ 10.2
Furniture & Fixtures	84.4	84.6	84.2	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Household Furniture	74.6	74.8	74.5	- 0.3	+ 0.1
Wood Household Furniture	37.8	37.6	37.7	+ 0.5	+ 0.3
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.9	31.0	30.9	- 0.3	0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.8	19.8	19.6	0	+ 1.0
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.6	2.7	+ 3.8	0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.6	5.7	5.6	- 1.8	0
Primary Metal Industries	10.4	10.7	10.6	- 2.8	- 1.9
Fabricated Metal Products	26.5	26.5	26.9	0	- 1.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.2	8.2	8.6	0	- 4.7
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	55.0	55.4	57.9	- 0.7	- 5.0
Special Industry Machinery	7.1	7.1	7.2	0	- 1.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	59.6	63.2	66.7	- 5.7	- 10.6
Household Appliances	5.0	4.4	5.5	+ 13.6	- 9.1
Transportation Equipment	23.9	23.7	23.4	+ 0.8	+ 2.1
Other Durable Goods 2/	16.8	16.8	16.8	0	0
NONDURABLE GOODS	492.2	488.1	486.4	+ 0.8	+ 1.2
Food & Kindred Products	48.7	47.0	46.2	+ 3.6	+ 5.4
Meat Products	20.9	20.6	19.1	+ 1.5	+ 9.4
Meat Packing Plants	2.4	2.4	2.6	0	- 7.7
Dairy Products	3.2	3.2	3.0	0	+ 6.7
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 4.3	0
Bakery Products	7.8	7.8	7.7	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.0	6.0	6.1	0	- 1.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.9	23.7	24.7	+ 0.8	- 3.2
Cigarettes	21.0	20.5	21.1	+ 2.4	- 0.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.2	2.6	3.2	- 15.4	- 31.2
Textile Mill Products	209.0	207.3	207.9	+ 0.8	+ 0.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	51.9	51.7	57.1	+ 0.4	- 9.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	27.0	27.2	29.8	- 0.7	- 9.4
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.4	23.9	26.7	+ 2.1	- 8.6
Knitting Mills	78.6	77.5	75.0	+ 1.4	+ 4.8
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.4	25.1	24.8	+ 1.2	+ 2.4
Hosiery, NEC	24.2	23.8	22.8	+ 1.7	+ 6.1
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.7	13.6	12.5	+ 0.7	+ 9.6
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.2	6.2	6.1	0	+ 1.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.3	14.3	14.4	0	- 0.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	49.9	49.6	47.5	+ 0.6	+ 5.1

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OR NORTH CAROLINA 1/

June, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	June 1986 (Thous.)	May* 1986 (Thous.)	June* 1985 (Thous.)	May 1986	June 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.7	89.6	86.3	+ 0.1	+ 3.9
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furn.	31.0	31.1	28.7	- 0.3	+ 8.0
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.6	37.6	38.2	0	- 1.6
Paper & Allied Products	22.3	22.1	22.4	+ 0.9	- 0.4
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.6	10.5	10.9	+ 1.0	- 2.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.7	7.7	7.6	0	+ 1.3
Printing & Publishing	27.0	27.1	26.1	- 0.4	+ 3.4
Newspapers	9.9	9.8	9.5	+ 1.0	+ 4.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.4	37.3	38.0	+ 0.3	- 1.6
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.8	12.8	13.0	0	- 1.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.6	29.6	30.6	0	- 3.3
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.5	4.3	0	+ 4.7
NONMANUFACTURING	1,906.0	1,893.2	1,830.5	+ 0.7	+ 4.1
MINING	4.6	4.7	4.8	- 2.1	- 4.2
CONSTRUCTION	163.4	161.7	151.8	+ 1.1	+ 7.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	133.2	131.8	128.5	+ 1.1	+ 3.7
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	72.8	71.7	69.0	+ 1.5	+ 5.5
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.9	55.5	54.7	+ 0.7	+ 2.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	600.2	596.7	575.6	+ 0.6	+ 4.3
Wholesale Trade	141.9	140.7	137.8	+ 0.9	+ 3.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	86.3	85.8	83.4	+ 0.6	+ 3.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	55.6	54.9	54.3	+ 1.3	+ 2.4
Retail Trade	458.3	456.0	437.8	+ 0.5	+ 4.7
General Merchandise Stores	60.0	60.3	57.4	+ 0.5	+ 5.6
Food Stores	72.7	72.3	70.5	+ 0.6	+ 3.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	116.3	114.4	109.6	+ 1.7	+ 6.1
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	453.8	450.3	430.5	+ 0.8	+ 5.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	30.0	27.6	27.7	+ 8.7	+ 8.3
Personal Services	28.1	28.2	26.4	- 0.4	+ 6.4
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.7	11.7	11.4	0	+ 2.6
Health Services	115.3	113.7	110.2	+ 1.4	+ 4.6
Hospitals	44.4	43.8	43.1	+ 1.4	+ 3.0
Legal Services	11.8	11.5	10.1	+ 2.6	+ 16.8
Educational Services	26.0	31.1	26.8	- 16.4	- 3.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	434.5	433.6	429.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.1
Federal	52.1	52.3	51.7	- 0.4	+ 0.8
State	120.6	123.1	122.0	- 2.0	- 1.1
Education	59.2	62.5	59.7	- 5.3	- 0.8
Other	61.3	60.6	62.3	+ 1.2	- 1.6
Local	261.9	258.2	256.0	+ 1.4	+ 2.3
Education	138.1	138.6	137.1	- 0.4	+ 0.7
Other	123.8	119.6	118.8	+ 3.5	+ 4.2

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

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Seasonally Adjusted

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

June, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	June 1986 (thous)	May * 1986 (thous)	June * 1985 (thous)	May 1986	June 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,706.5	2,712.2	2,637.6	-0.2	+ 2.6
MANUFACTURING	821.4	826.6	827.4	-0.6	- 0.7
DURABLE GOODS	330.7	337.3	342.2	-2.0	- 3.4
Lumber & Wood Products	35.2	35.5	35.9	-0.8	- 1.9
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.4	11.5	12.3	-0.9	- 7.3
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.5	8.5	8.6	0	- 1.2
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.2	5.3	4.7	-1.9	+10.6
Furniture & Fixtures	84.7	85.0	85.6	-0.4	- 1.1
Household Furniture	74.9	75.1	74.8	-0.3	+ 0.1
Wood Household Furniture	37.6	37.3	37.6	+0.8	0
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.0	31.2	31.0	-0.6	0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.6	19.8	19.4	-1.0	+ 1.0
Structural Clay Products	2.6	2.5	2.6	+4.0	0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.5	5.6	5.5	-1.8	0
Primary Metal Industries	10.4	10.7	10.6	-2.8	- 1.9
Fabricated Metal Products	26.4	26.7	26.8	-1.1	- 1.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.1	8.2	8.5	-1.2	- 4.7
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.7	55.6	57.6	-1.6	- 5.0
Special Industry Machinery	7.1	7.1	7.2	0	- 1.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	59.2	63.5	66.3	-6.8	-10.7
Household Appliances	4.8	4.5	5.3	+6.7	- 9.4
Transportation Equipment	23.7	23.5	23.2	+0.9	+ 2.2
Other Durable Goods 2/	16.8	17.0	16.8	-1.2	0
NONDURABLE GOODS	490.7	489.3	485.2	+0.3	+ 5.5
Food & Kindred Products	48.4	47.4	45.9	+2.1	+ 5.4
Meat Products	21.0	20.7	19.2	+1.4	+ 9.4
Meat Packing Plants	2.4	2.4	2.6	0	- 7.7
Dairy Products	3.1	3.2	2.9	-3.1	+ 6.9
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.3	2.4	+4.3	0
Bakery Products	7.7	7.8	7.6	-1.3	+ 1.3
Beverages	5.8	5.9	5.9	-1.7	- 1.7
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.4	25.6	26.2	-0.8	- 3.1
Cigarettes	20.7	20.7	20.8	0	- 0.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.9	4.2	5.7	-7.1	-31.6
Textile Mill Products	207.5	206.3	206.4	+0.6	+ 0.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	51.7	51.8	57.0	-0.2	- 9.3
Weaving Mills, Cotton	27.1	27.4	29.9	-1.1	- 9.4
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.3	23.7	26.6	+2.5	- 8.6
Knitting Mills	77.4	76.8	73.9	+0.8	+ 4.7
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.1	25.2	24.6	-0.4	+ 2.0
Hosiery, NEC	23.8	23.7	22.5	+0.4	+ 5.8
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.6	13.4	12.4	+1.5	+ 9.7
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.0	6.1	5.9	-1.6	+ 1.7
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.1	14.3	14.2	-1.4	- 0.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	49.5	49.3	47.1	+0.4	+ 5.1

Seasonally Adjusted

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OR NORTH CAROLINA 1/

June, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	June 1986 (thous)	May * 1986 (thous)	June * 1985 (thous)	May 1986	June 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.3	89.7	86.0	-0.4	+ 3.8
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furn.	31.0	31.3	28.7	-1.0	+ 8.0
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.2	37.5	37.8	-0.8	- 1.6
Paper & Allied Products	22.3	22.3	22.4	0	- 0.4
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.7	10.6	11.0	+0.9	- 2.7
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.8	7.8	7.7	0	+ 1.3
Printing & Publishing	27.2	27.1	26.3	+0.4	+ 3.4
Newspapers	9.8	9.8	9.4	0	+ 4.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.1	37.2	37.7	-0.3	- 1.6
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.7	12.8	12.9	-0.8	- 1.6
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.0	29.2	30.0	-0.7	- 3.3
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.5	4.3	0	+ 4.7
NONMANUFACTURING	1,885.1	1,885.6	1,810.2	-0.03	+ 4.1
MINING	4.5	4.6	4.7	-2.2	- 4.3
CONSTRUCTION	158.5	160.1	147.2	-1.0	+ 7.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	132.8	131.5	128.1	+1.0	+ 3.7
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	72.9	71.6	69.0	+1.8	+ 5.7
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.7	55.3	54.4	+0.7	+ 2.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	599.2	598.6	574.6	+0.1	+ 4.3
Wholesale Trade	143.2	142.1	138.9	+0.8	+ 3.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	86.1	85.9	83.2	+0.2	+ 3.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	57.1	56.2	55.7	+1.6	+ 2.5
Retail Trade	456.0	456.5	435.7	-0.1	+ 4.7
General Merchandise Stores	61.7	61.7	58.5	0	+ 5.5
Food Stores	72.7	72.7	70.5	0	+ 3.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	114.9	114.6	108.3	+0.3	+ 6.1
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	449.3	450.3	426.2	-0.2	+ 5.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	27.7	27.0	25.6	+2.6	+ 8.2
Personal Services	28.5	28.3	26.8	+0.7	+ 6.3
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.8	11.7	11.5	+0.9	+ 2.6
Health Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hospitals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Legal Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Educational Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	425.9	425.9	421.1	0	+ 1.1
Federal	51.8	52.1	51.4	-0.6	+ 0.8
State	123.7	123.6	125.1	+0.1	- 1.1
Education	63.4	63.5	63.8	-0.2	- 0.6
Other	60.3	60.1	61.3	+0.3	- 1.6
Local	250.4	250.2	244.6	+0.1	+ 2.4
Education	129.5	130.1	128.6	-0.5	+ 0.7
Other	120.9	120.1	116.0	+0.7	+ 4.2

1/ Current month data are preliminary. * Revised.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

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ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

June, 1986

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	June 1986	May* 1986	June* 1985	May 1986	June 1985
MANUFACTURING	652.8	652.6	655.5	**	- 0.4
DURABLE GOODS	251.0	254.4	258.0	- 1.3	- 2.7
Lumber & Wood Products	30.6	30.7	31.5	- 0.3	- 2.9
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.4	7.5	7.7	- 1.3	- 3.9
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.4	4.5	4.0	- 2.2	+10.0
Furniture & Fixtures	74.2	74.4	74.8	- 0.3	- 0.8
Household Furniture	66.1	66.4	66.8	- 0.5	- 1.0
Wood Household Furniture	34.5	34.4	34.7	+ 0.3	- 0.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	16.1	16.1	16.0	0	+ 0.6
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.1	2.2	+ 4.8	0
Primary Metal Industries	7.7	7.9	7.9	- 2.5	- 2.5
Fabricated Metal Products	19.7	19.8	20.0	- 0.5	- 1.5
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	28.1	28.3	27.9	- 0.7	+ 0.7
Special Industry Machinery	4.7	4.8	4.9	- 2.1	- 4.1
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	42.4	45.3	48.3	- 6.4	-12.2
Household Appliances	4.3	3.8	4.9	+13.2	-12.2
Transportation Equipment	19.3	19.2	18.9	+ 0.5	+ 2.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	401.8	398.1	397.5	+ 0.9	+ 1.1
Food & Kindred Products	34.8	33.3	32.5	+ 4.5	+ 7.1
Meat Products	18.6	18.3	16.9	+ 1.6	+10.1
Meat Packing	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 5.6
Dairy Products	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 6.2
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Bakery Products	4.4	4.3	4.3	+ 2.3	+ 2.3
Beverages	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Tobacco Manufacturers	18.0	17.8	19.2	+ 1.1	- 6.2
Cigarettes	16.2	15.8	16.7	+ 2.5	- 3.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	1.2	1.5	2.1	-20.0	-42.9
Textile Mill Products	184.8	183.1	183.7	+ 0.9	+ 0.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	45.8	45.5	50.4	+ 0.7	- 9.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	23.6	23.7	26.2	- 0.4	- 9.9
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	21.8	21.3	23.8	+ 2.3	- 8.4
Knitting Mills	69.7	68.8	66.3	+ 1.3	+ 5.1
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.8	22.5	22.2	+ 1.3	+ 2.7
Hosiery, NEC	21.8	21.4	20.8	+ 1.9	+ 4.8
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	11.8	11.7	10.6	+ 0.9	+11.3
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.5	5.4	5.3	+ 1.9	+ 3.8
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.1	12.1	12.1	0	0
Yarn & Thread Mills	45.3	45.0	43.4	+ 0.7	+ 4.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	78.5	78.4	75.6	+ 0.1	+ 3.8
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	27.1	27.2	25.6	- 0.4	+ 5.9
Women's & Children's Garments	32.8	32.8	33.1	0	- 0.9
Paper & Allied Products	16.7	16.6	16.8	+ 0.6	- 0.6
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.6	7.6	8.0	0	- 5.0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.9	5.9	5.8	0	+ 1.7
Printing & Publishing	16.5	16.7	16.3	- 1.2	+ 1.2
Newspapers	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 2.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	24.5	24.5	24.7	0	- 0.8
Plastic Materials & Synthetics	8.9	8.9	9.0	0	- 1.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	24.2	24.0	25.0	+ 0.8	- 3.2
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 2.8

1/ Current data are preliminary.

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2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products."

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ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

June, 1986

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	June 1986	May* 1986	June* 1985	June 1986	May* 1986	June* 1985	June 1986	May* 1986	June* 1985
MANUFACTURING	$305.25	$305.72	$287.56	40.7	40.6	39.5	$ 7.50	$ 7.53	$ 7.28
DURABLE GOODS	314.61	315.87	298.05	40.7	40.6	39.9	7.73	7.78	7.47
Lumber & Wood Products	268.30	268.14	252.86	40.9	41.0	40.2	6.56	6.54	6.29
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	260.71	268.80	249.69	40.8	42.0	41.0	6.39	6.40	6.09
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	286.48	286.94	291.21	39.9	39.2	40.9	7.18	7.32	7.12
Furniture & Fixtures	267.24	262.36	245.43	38.9	38.3	37.7	6.87	6.85	6.51
Household Furniture	264.62	260.14	242.35	38.8	38.2	37.4	6.82	6.81	6.48
Wood Household Furniture	256.46	254.92	239.38	39.7	39.4	38.3	6.46	6.47	6.25
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	347.33	339.42	328.34	42.1	41.8	41.3	8.25	8.12	7.95
Structural Clay Products	306.67	297.23	275.42	44.9	44.1	42.9	6.83	6.74	6.42
Primary Metal Industries	380.49	376.85	367.65	42.8	42.2	42.9	8.89	8.93	8.57
Fabricated Metal Products	350.28	334.14	325.20	41.9	40.6	41.8	8.36	8.23	7.78
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	349.00	350.69	346.06	41.4	41.6	42.1	8.43	8.43	8.22
Special Industry Machinery	331.68	329.26	318.24	41.1	40.8	40.8	8.07	8.07	7.80
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	357.41	373.47	329.43	41.9	42.2	39.5	8.53	8.85	8.34
Household Appliances	292.52	300.14	242.35	43.4	43.0	37.0	6.74	6.98	6.55
Transportation Equipment	349.03	359.11	349.03	41.7	42.7	41.8	8.37	8.41	8.35
NONDURABLE GOODS	298.41	298.49	281.00	40.6	40.5	39.3	7.35	7.37	7.15
Food & Kindred Products	278.94	277.26	258.55	40.9	40.3	39.9	6.82	6.88	6.48
Meat Products	230.88	225.43	212.80	39.4	38.8	38.0	5.86	5.81	5.60
Meat Packing	336.34	350.15	328.62	42.9	44.1	43.7	7.84	7.94	7.52
Dairy Products	315.53	306.16	299.25	45.4	44.5	45.0	6.95	6.88	6.65
Grain Mill Products	320.23	305.86	309.72	43.1	41.5	44.5	7.43	7.37	6.96
Bakery Products	296.87	308.48	287.03	40.5	41.8	39.7	7.33	7.38	7.23
Beverages	572.93	569.80	497.93	47.0	46.1	44.3	12.19	12.36	11.24
Tobacco Manufacturers	566.21	573.98	490.92	37.3	38.6	35.6	15.18	14.87	13.79
Cigarettes	596.69	613.04	533.12	37.2	38.8	35.9	16.04	15.80	14.85
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	224.51	214.09	197.67	35.3	34.2	33.0	6.36	6.26	5.99
Textile Mill Products	272.06	272.00	252.06	41.6	41.4	39.2	6.54	6.57	6.43
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	298.07	298.57	265.29	41.0	40.9	37.0	7.27	7.30	7.17
Weaving Mills, Cotton	287.08	295.20	257.36	38.9	40.0	35.4	7.38	7.38	7.27
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	309.31	302.10	274.32	43.2	41.9	38.8	7.16	7.21	7.07
Knitting Mills	249.70	249.48	236.01	40.8	40.5	39.4	6.12	6.16	5.99
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	235.22	239.18	232.03	39.6	39.6	39.8	5.94	6.04	5.83
Hosiery, NEC	237.19	234.14	220.92	39.4	38.7	37.7	6.02	6.05	5.86
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	278.38	275.33	257.40	42.5	42.1	39.6	6.55	6.54	6.50
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	317.35	313.94	294.59	46.6	46.1	44.1	6.81	6.81	6.68
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	279.07	276.89	278.51	41.1	40.6	41.2	6.79	6.82	6.76
Yarn & Thread Mills	275.59	277.73	251.74	43.4	43.6	40.8	6.35	6.37	6.17
Apparel & Other Textile Products	200.41	198.98	194.56	38.1	37.9	38.0	5.26	5.25	5.12
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	204.06	200.63	191.05	38.0	37.5	36.6	5.37	5.35	5.22
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	187.56	184.73	188.18	38.2	37.7	38.8	4.91	4.90	4.85
Paper & Allied Products	501.03	496.07	475.02	44.3	43.9	43.5	11.31	11.30	10.92
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	660.10	647.79	603.90	46.0	45.3	45.0	14.35	14.30	13.42
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	357.79	361.18	349.43	42.9	43.1	43.3	8.34	8.38	8.07
Printing & Publishing	335.01	345.20	318.24	39.0	40.0	39.0	8.59	8.63	8.16
Newspapers	261.29	271.75	280.14	32.1	33.1	34.5	8.14	8.21	8.12
Chemicals & Allied Products	404.17	407.95	391.11	41.2	41.5	41.3	9.81	9.83	9.47
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	446.19	459.38	452.79	41.7	42.3	43.0	10.70	10.86	10.53
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	383.78	378.73	357.62	41.4	40.9	40.5	9.27	9.26	8.83
MINING	394.37	405.11	378.58	47.4	48.4	47.5	8.32	8.37	7.97
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	489.39	486.72	476.70	41.9	41.6	42.0	11.68	11.70	11.35
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	205.59	203.72	199.20	33.0	32.7	33.2	6.23	6.23	6.00
Wholesale Trade	321.55	323.51	299.83	39.6	39.5	39.4	8.12	8.19	7.61
Retail Trade	173.47	170.63	170.19	31.2	30.8	31.4	5.56	5.54	5.42
General Merchandise Stores	163.81	159.26	157.53	29.2	28.8	29.5	5.61	5.53	5.34
Food Stores	192.19	186.23	191.96	33.6	32.5	33.5	5.72	5.73	5.73
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	140.90	140.14	136.34	30.3	30.4	30.5	4.65	4.61	4.47
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	196.87	195.05	193.68	35.6	35.4	36.0	5.53	5.51	5.38

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

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NORTH CAROLINA
STATE LABOR SUMMARY
July, 1986

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT GROWS OVER THE MONTH: As of mid-July of this year, the State's total employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 3,095,100, a strong net over-the-month surge of 65,600 people (+2.2 percent). Seasonally adjusted total employment for North Carolina enjoyed a good net monthly gain of 31,000 workers (+1.0 percent) to rise to 3,048,000 in July, 1986.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT SURGES OVER THE YEAR: Nonmanufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 1,860,600 in mid-July, 1986, showing substantial net yearly growth of 75,300 workers (+4.2 percent). All but one of the seven industry groups experienced impressive over-the-year increases. The service and miscellaneous category enjoyed the largest net yearly gain, rising by 24,700 people (+5.7 percent) to 457,500. Trade (wholesale and retail) employment increased by 23,300 persons (+4.0 percent) over the year to rise to 601,500 this July. The construction industry enjoyed the largest yearly percentage increase (+7.9 percent) with net growth of 12,100 workers to climb to 166,000 in July, 1986.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT DISPLAYS MODEST YEARLY GROWTH: North Carolina's manufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 821,100 in the middle of July of this year, a small net over-the-year gain of 2,300 workers (+0.3 percent). Employment in the nondurable goods segment, however, did experience a noticeable net yearly increase of 12,100 (+2.5 percent), 85.1 percent of which occurred in textile mill products (+6,200) and apparel and related products (+4,100). Unfortunately, most of that growth was offset by a net over-the-year loss of 9,800 people (-2.9 percent) in the durable goods segment. About 82 percent of the loss took place in nonelectrical machinery (-4,300) and electrical machinery (-3,800).

BOTH NONMANUFACTURING AND MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT DOWN OVER THE MONTH: Statewide nonmanufacturing employment fell by 47,000 workers (-2.5 percent) from mid-June to mid-July, 1986, due primarily to the anticipated seasonal cutback of 53,200 government employees. North Carolina's manufacturing employment sustained a much lower over-the-month loss of 4,500 people (-0.5 percent), due in part to temporary layoffs in textiles (-1,700). As previously stated, however, both sectors grew over the year with the growth percentage in nonmanufacturing being 14 times greater than manufacturing.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES IN JULY: Statewide total unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 167,100 in the middle of July of this year, a net monthly drop of 9,300 people (-5.3 percent). Consequently, the unadjusted rate of unemployment decreased from 5.5 percent in June, 1986, to 5.1 percent in July, 1986. Seasonally adjusted total unemployment in North Carolina was estimated at 155,000 in July, and the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment fell from 5.0 percent to 4.8 percent as the unemployment estimate declined by 3,000 persons (-1.9 percent) from June. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the nation were 7.0 percent in July, 1986, and 7.3 percent in June, 1986. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 6.9 percent in July of this year and 7.1 percent this June.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force 1/

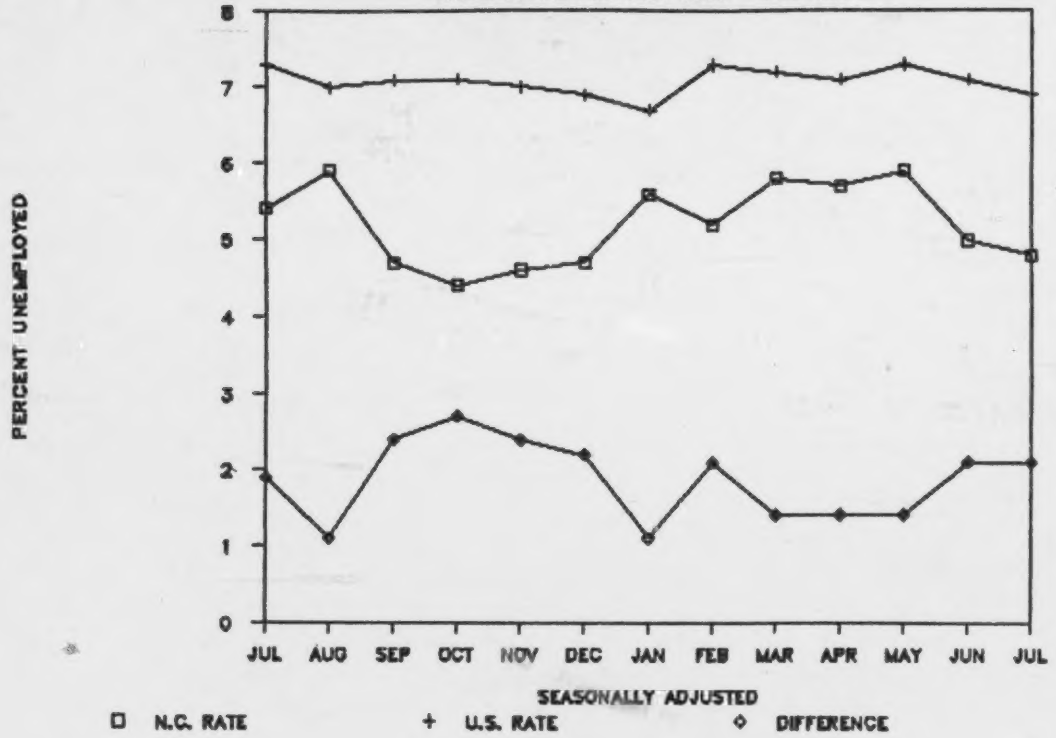
	July, 1986	June, 1986	July, 1985 2/
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,262,200	3,206,000	3,141,100
Employment	3,095,100	3,029,600	2,964,100
Unemployment	167,100	176,400	177,000
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.5	5.6
(Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,203,000	3,175,000	3,076,000
Employment	3,048,000	3,017,000	2,912,000
Unemployment	155,000	158,000	164,000
Unemployment Rate	4.8	5.0	5.3
National Rate (Unadjusted)	7.0	7.3	7.4
(Seasonally Adjusted)	6.9	7.1	7.3

1/ Data compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

2/ Revised.

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS RISE BUT AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS FALL: The average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production employees rose by 2¢ an hour (+0.3 percent) to $7.51 from the middle of June, 1986, to the middle of July, 1986. Workers in the durable goods segment enjoyed a net monthly increase of 7¢ an hour (+0.9 percent) to rise to $7.79 this July. Employees in electrical machinery led the way with a net over-the-month gain of 11¢ an hour (+1.3 percent) to reach $8.56 in July, 1986. Workers in stone, clay, and glass, fabricated metal products, and transportation equipment experienced net monthly increases of 10¢ an hour. People employed in the nondurable goods segment experienced a slight drop of 2¢ an hour (-0.3 percent) over the month to fall to $7.33 in July of this year. Workers in specific nondurable goods industries, however, realized significant monthly increases. Employees in chemicals earned 19¢ an hour more than a month ago (+1.9 percent), while those in printing earned 13¢ more an hour (+1.5 percent). From mid-June to mid-July of this year, the average weekly earnings of the State's manufacturing production workers declined $3.69 (-1.2 percent) to $301.15. Average weekly hours, although still strong at 40.1 in July, 1986, fell 0.6 of an hour over the month.

JOB APPLICANT AND JOB OPENINGS DATA NOT AVAILABLE: Due to problems with U.S. Department of Labor computer programs which produce these reports, July data were not available at the time of this writing. We plan to resume those sections with the August State Labor Summary.



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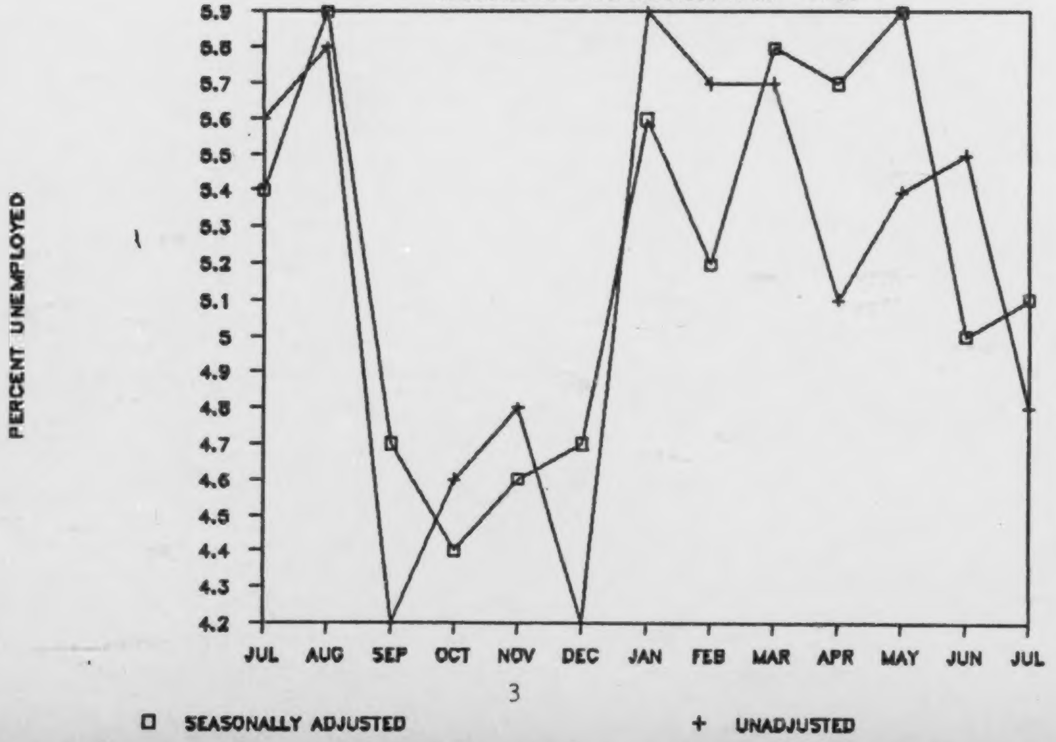

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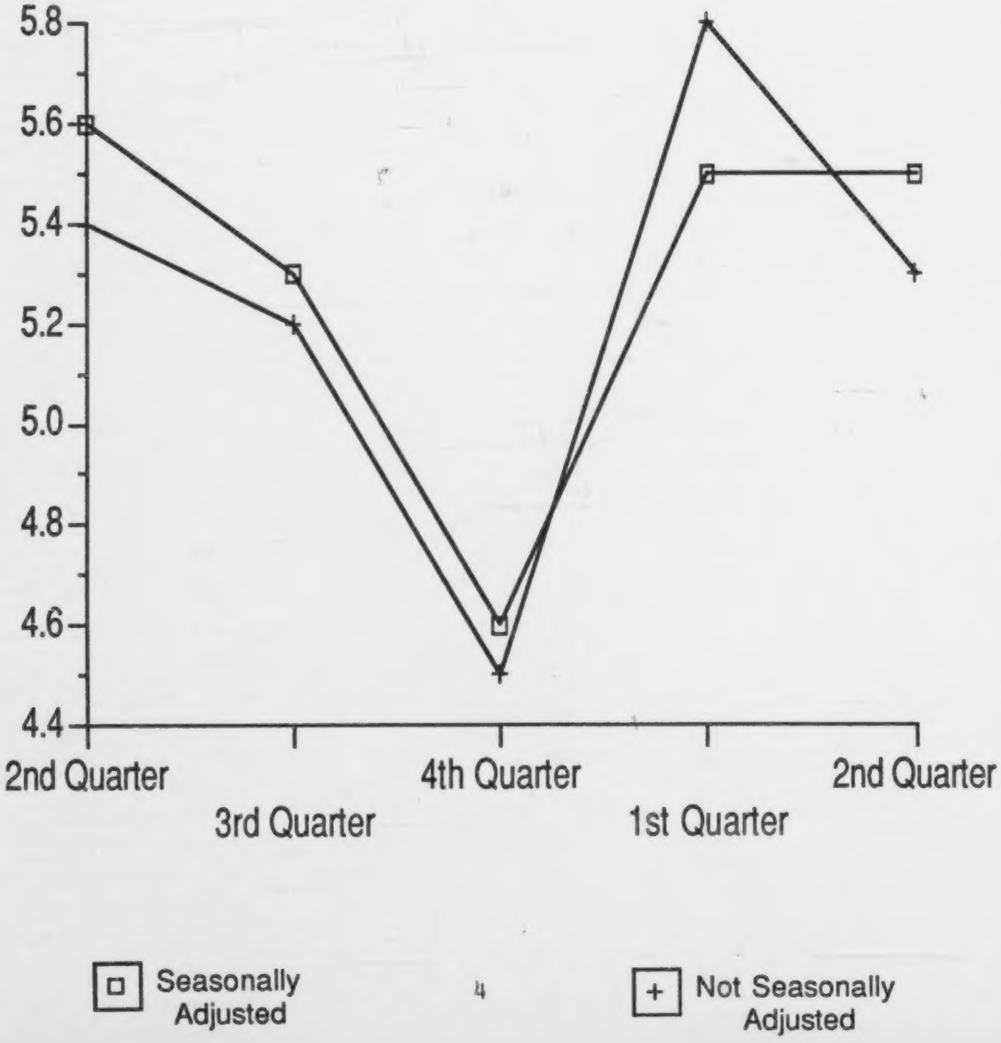

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JULY 1986

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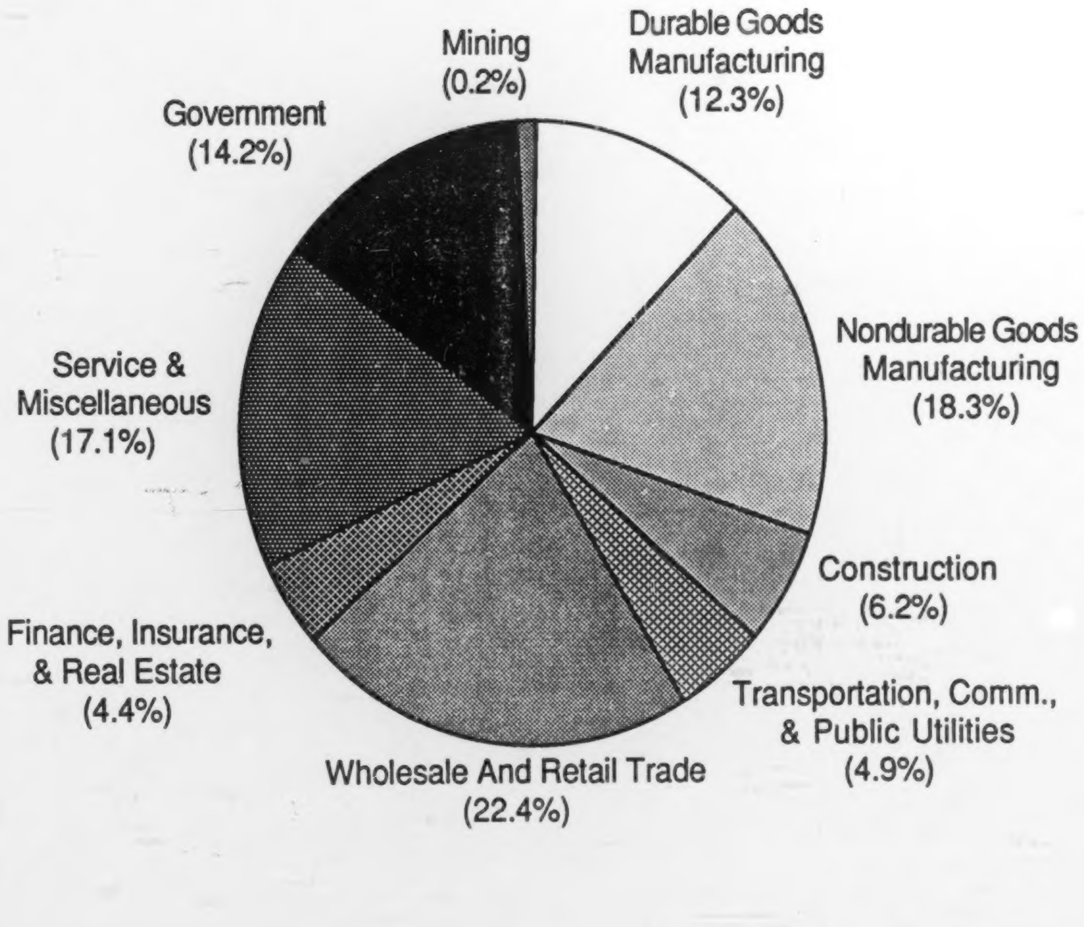

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

July, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	July 1986 (Thous.)	June* 1986 (Thous.)	July* 1985 (Thous.)	June 1986	July 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,681.7	2,733.2	2,604.2	- 1.9	+ 3.0
MANUFACTURING	821.1	825.6	818.8	- 0.5	+ 0.3
DURABLE GOODS	331.0	332.9	340.8	- 0.6	+ 2.9
Lumber & Wood Products	34.8	35.8	36.0	- 2.8	- 3.3
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.5	11.7	12.2	- 1.7	- 5.7
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.5	8.6	8.6	- 1.2	- 1.2
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.6	5.4	5.0	- 14.8	- 8.0
Furniture & Fixtures	82.1	84.3	82.9	- 2.6	- 1.0
Household Furniture	72.3	74.4	73.2	- 2.8	- 1.2
Wood Household Furniture	35.8	37.7	37.0	- 5.0	- 3.2
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.0	31.0	30.3	0	+ 2.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.7	19.9	19.3	- 1.0	+ 2.1
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.6	5.6	5.6	0	0
Primary Metal Industries	10.2	10.1	10.1	+ 1.0	- 4.7
Fabricated Metal Products	26.5	26.4	26.8	+ 0.4	- 1.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.2	8.2	8.6	0	- 4.7
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.4	55.2	58.7	- 1.4	- 7.3
Special Industry Machinery	6.9	7.1	7.0	- 2.8	- 1.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.7	60.2	66.5	+ 4.2	- 5.7
Household Appliances	5.9	5.5	5.4	+ 7.3	+ 9.3
Transportation Equipment	23.7	24.0	23.3	- 1.2	+ 1.7
Other Durable Goods 2/	17.0	17.1	16.6	- 0.6	+ 2.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	490.1	492.7	478.0	- 0.5	+ 2.5
Food & Kindred Products	48.5	48.7	46.5	- 0.4	+ 4.3
Meat Products	20.9	20.9	19.6	0	+ 6.6
Meat Packing Plants	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Dairy Products	3.2	3.2	3.0	0	+ 6.7
Grain Mill Products	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 4.2
Bakery Products	7.7	7.8	7.6	- 1.3	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.1	6.0	6.2	+ 1.7	- 1.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.0	23.9	24.3	+ 0.4	- 1.2
Cigarettes	21.0	21.0	21.0	0	0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.3	2.2	2.9	+ 4.5	- 20.7
Textile Mill Products	207.4	209.1	201.2	- 0.8	+ 3.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	51.8	51.7	55.1	+ 0.2	- 6.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.9	26.9	28.8	0	- 6.6
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.3	24.2	25.7	+ 0.4	- 5.4
Knitting Mills	78.1	78.7	74.1	- 0.8	+ 5.4
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.4	25.5	24.9	- 0.4	+ 2.0
Hosiery, NEC	24.1	24.2	22.8	- 0.4	+ 5.7
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.3	13.8	11.8	- 3.6	+ 12.7
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.2	6.2	6.0	0	+ 3.3
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	13.6	14.3	12.9	- 4.9	+ 5.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	49.7	50.1	45.6	- 0.8	- 9.0

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OR NORTH CAROLINA 1/

July, 1986

	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
INDUSTRY	July 1986 (Thous.)	June* 1986 (Thous.)	July* 1985 (Thous.)	June 1986	July 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.4	89.8	85.8	- 0.4	+ 4.8
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furn.	30.8	31.1	28.3	- 1.0	+ 8.8
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.4	37.6	38.0	- 0.5	- 1.6
Paper & Allied Products	22.1	22.3	22.4	- 0.9	- 1.3
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.5	10.6	10.8	- 0.9	- 2.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.7	7.7	7.7	0	0
Printing & Publishing	27.0	27.1	26.0	- 0.4	+ 3.8
Newspapers	9.9	9.9	9.5	0	+ 4.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.5	37.7	38.0	- 0.5	- 1.3
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.5	12.7	13.0	- 1.6	- 3.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.7	29.7	30.0	0	- 1.0
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.5	4.3	0	+ 4.7
NONMANUFACTURING	1,860.6	1,907.6	1,785.3	- 2.5	+ 4.2
MINING	4.7	4.6	4.8	+ 2.2	- 2.1
CONSTRUCTION	166.0	163.7	153.9	+ 1.4	+ 7.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	132.3	133.1	128.8	- 0.6	- 2.7
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	71.9	72.7	69.2	- 1.1	+ 3.9
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.9	55.9	54.9	0	+ 1.8
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	601.5	600.5	578.2	+ 0.2	+ 4.0
Wholesale Trade	142.1	141.8	138.2	+ 0.2	+ 2.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	86.5	86.3	83.7	+ 0.2	+ 3.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	55.6	55.5	54.5	+ 0.2	+ 2.0
Retail Trade	459.4	458.7	440.0	+ 0.2	+ 4.4
General Merchandise Stores	60.3	60.7	56.9	- 0.7	+ 6.0
Food Stores	73.7	72.9	71.0	+ 1.1	+ 3.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	117.6	116.6	110.0	+ 0.9	+ 6.9
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	457.5	455.0	432.8	+ 0.5	+ 5.7
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	30.4	30.2	27.9	+ 0.7	+ 9.0
Personal Services	27.9	28.1	26.6	- 0.7	+ 4.9
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.6	11.7	11.6	- 0.9	0
Health Services	115.9	115.2	110.8	+ 0.6	+ 4.6
Hospitals	44.5	44.3	43.2	+ 0.5	+ 3.0
Legal Services	11.8	11.8	10.2	0	+ 15.7
Educational Services	24.8	26.0	25.6	- 4.6	- 3.1
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	381.1	434.3	376.8	- 12.2	+ 1.1
Federal	52.1	52.1	52.0	0	+ 0.2
State	114.1	120.3	115.5	- 5.2	- 1.2
Education	52.5	59.0	53.3	- 11.0	- 1.5
Other	61.6	61.3	62.2	+ 0.5	- 1.0
Local	214.8	261.8	209.3	- 18.0	+ 2.6
Education	89.4	138.4	88.5	- 35.4	+ 1.0
Other	125.5	123.4	120.8	+ 1.7	+ 3.9

1/ Current month data are preliminary. *Revised

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

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ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

July, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT July 1986 (thous)	June* 1936 (thous)	July* 1985 (thous)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: June 1986	July 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,715.1	2,709.7	2,638.5	+ 0.2	+ 2.9
MANUFACTURING	825.7	822.9	823.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
DURABLE GOODS	332.7	331.5	342.8	+ 0.4	- 2.9
Lumber & Wood Products	34.4	35.2	35.6	- 2.3	- 3.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.4	11.4	12.1	0	- 5.8
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.4	8.5	8.5	- 1.2	- 11.8
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.4	5.2	4.8	- 15.4	- 8.3
Furniture & Fixtures	84.0	84.6	85.0	- 0.7	- 0.1
Household Furniture	74.2	74.7	75.1	- 0.7	- 1.2
Wood Household Furniture	36.6	37.5	37.8	- 2.4	- 3.2
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.1	31.1	30.4	0	+ 2.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.4	19.7	19.0	- 1.5	+ 2.1
Structural Clay Products	2.5	2.6	2.5	- 3.8	0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.5	5.5	5.5	0	0
Primary Metal Industries	10.2	10.1	10.7	+ 1.0	- 4.7
Fabricated Metal Products	26.4	26.3	26.8	+ 0.4	- 1.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.1	8.1	8.5	0	- 4.7
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.4	54.9	58.7	- 0.9	- 7.3
Special Industry Machinery	7.0	7.1	7.1	- 1.4	- 1.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	63.3	59.8	67.2	+ 5.9	- 5.8
Household Appliances	5.7	5.3	5.2	+ 7.5	+ 9.6
Transportation Equipment	23.5	23.8	23.1	- 1.3	+ 1.7
Other Durable Goods 2/	17.1	17.1	16.7	0	+ 2.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	493.0	491.4	480.9	+ 0.3	+ 2.5
Food & Kindred Products	47.5	48.4	45.6	- 1.9	+ 4.2
Meat Products	20.9	21.0	19.6	- 0.5	+ 6.6
Meat Packing Plants	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Dairy Products	3.1	3.1	2.9	0	+ 6.9
Grain Mill Products	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 4.2
Bakery Products	7.7	7.7	7.6	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	5.9	5.8	6.0	+ 1.7	- 1.7
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.6	25.4	25.9	+ 0.8	- 1.2
Cigarettes	20.8	20.7	20.8	+ 0.5	0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.0	3.9	5.0	+ 2.6	- 20.0
Textile Mill Products	208.9	207.6	202.6	+ 0.6	+ 3.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	52.4	51.5	55.7	+ 1.7	- 5.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton	27.1	27.0	29.1	+ 0.4	- 6.9
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.6	24.1	26.0	+ 2.1	- 5.4
Knitting Mills	78.3	77.5	74.2	+ 1.0	+ 5.5
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.3	25.2	24.8	+ 0.4	+ 2.0
Hosiery, NEC	23.8	23.8	22.5	0	+ 5.8
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.3	13.7	11.8	- 2.9	+ 12.7
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.2	6.0	6.0	+ 3.3	+ 3.3
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	13.9	14.1	13.2	- 1.4	+ 5.3
Yarn & Thread Mills	51.0	49.7	46.7	+ 2.6	+ 9.2

Seasonally Adjusted

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OR NORTH CAROLINA 1/

July, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	July 1986 (thous)	June* 1986 (thous)	July * 1985 (thous)	June 1986	July 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.2	89.4	86.1	+ 0.9	+ 4.8
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furn.	31.0	31.1	23.5	- 0.3	+ 31.9
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.8	37.2	38.4	+ 1.6	- 1.6
Paper & Allied Products	22.1	22.3	22.4	- 0.9	- 1.3
Pulp, Paper, & Puperboard Mills	10.5	10.7	10.8	- 1.9	- 2.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.7	7.8	7.7	- 1.3	0
Printing & Publishing	27.4	27.3	26.4	+ 0.4	+ 3.8
Newspapers	9.8	9.8	9.4	0	+ 4.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.5	37.4	38.0	+ 0.3	- 1.3
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.4	12.6	12.9	- 1.6	- 3.9
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.3	29.1	29.6	+ 0.7	- 1.0
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.5	4.3	0	+ 4.7
NONMANUFACTURING	1,889.4	1,886.8	1,814.8	+ 0.1	+ 4.1
MINING	4.6	4.5	4.7	+ 2.2	- 2.1
CONSTRUCTION	159.6	158.8	147.9	+ 0.5	+ 7.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	132.7	132.7	129.2	0	+ 2.7
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	72.3	72.8	69.6	- 0.7	+ 3.9
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.7	55.7	54.7	0	+ 1.8
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	598.8	599.5	575.6	- 0.1	+ 4.0
Wholesale Trade	141.7	143.1	137.8	- 1.0	+ 2.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	86.2	86.1	83.4	+ 0.1	+ 3.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	55.5	57.0	54.4	- 2.6	+ 2.0
Retail Trade	457.1	456.4	437.8	+ 0.2	+ 4.4
General Merchandise Stores	61.8	61.8	58.3	0	+ 6.0
Food Stores	73.3	72.9	70.6	+ 0.5	+ 3.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	116.1	115.2	108.6	+ 0.8	+ 6.9
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	449.9	450.5	425.5	- 0.1	+ 5.7
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	27.7	27.9	25.4	- 0.7	+ 9.1
Personal Services	28.6	28.5	27.2	+ 0.4	+ 5.1
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.6	11.8	11.6	- 1.7	0
Health Services	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Hospitals	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Legal Services	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Educational Services	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	427.7	425.6	423.3	+ 0.5	+ 1.0
Federal	51.6	51.8	51.5	- 0.4	+ 0.2
State	125.8	123.5	127.4	+ 1.9	- 1.3
Education	65.9	63.2	66.9	+ 4.3	- 1.5
Other	59.9	60.3	60.5	- 0.7	- 1.0
Local	250.3	250.3	244.4	0	+ 2.4
Education	129.6	129.8	128.2	- 0.2	+ 1.1
Other	120.7	120.5	116.2	+ 0.2	+ 3.9

1/ Current month data are preliminary. *Revised.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

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ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

July, 1986

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	July 1986	June* 1986	July* 1985	June 1986	July 1985
MANUFACTURING	649.1	653.2	645.7	- 0.6	+ 0.5
DURABLE GOODS	248.7	250.5	256.2	- 0.7	- 2.9
Lumber & Wood Products	29.6	30.7	30.9	- 3.6	- 4.2
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.3	7.4	7.6	- 1.4	- 3.9
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.6	4.4	4.0	- 18.2	- 10.0
Furniture & Fixtures	71.7	74.0	73.6	- 3.1	- 2.6
Household Furniture	63.7	65.9	65.6	- 3.3	- 2.9
Wood Household Furniture	32.4	34.5	34.0	- 6.1	- 4.7
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.9	16.2	15.7	- 1.9	+ 1.3
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Primary Metal Industries	7.3	7.3	8.0	0	- 8.8
Fabricated Metal Products	19.7	19.7	20.0	0	- 1.5
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	27.4	27.9	28.7	- 1.8	- 4.5
Special Industry Machinery	4.5	4.8	4.8	- 6.2	- 6.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	45.0	42.4	48.1	+ 6.1	- 6.4
Household Appliances	5.3	4.9	4.7	+ 8.2	+ 12.8
Transportation Equipment	19.1	19.3	18.7	- 1.0	+ 2.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	400.3	402.7	389.5	- 0.6	+ 2.8
Food & Kindred Products	34.7	35.0	32.7	- 0.9	+ 6.1
Meat Products	18.6	18.6	17.4	0	+ 6.9
Meat Packing	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 5.6
Dairy Products	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 6.2
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Bakery Products	4.2	4.4	4.2	- 4.5	0
Beverages	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 3.8
Tobacco Manufacturers	18.1	18.0	18.8	+ 0.6	- 3.7
Cigarettes	16.2	16.2	16.6	0	- 2.4
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	1.3	1.2	1.9	+ 8.3	- 31.6
Textile Mill Products	183.4	185.0	177.5	- 0.9	+ 3.3
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	45.8	45.7	48.5	+ 0.2	- 5.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	23.6	23.6	25.2	0	- 6.3
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	21.7	21.6	22.9	+ 0.5	- 5.2
Knitting Mills	69.3	69.9	65.5	- 0.9	+ 5.8
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.7	22.8	22.3	- 0.4	+ 1.8
Hosiery, NEC	21.7	21.9	20.7	- 0.9	+ 4.8
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	11.5	11.9	9.9	- 3.4	+ 16.2
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.5	5.5	5.2	0	+ 5.8
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	11.3	12.1	10.8	- 6.6	+ 4.6
Yarn & Thread Mills	45.1	45.5	41.6	- 0.9	+ 8.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	78.3	78.5	74.8	- 0.3	+ 4.7
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	26.9	27.1	25.2	- 0.7	+ 6.7
Women's & Children's Garments	32.6	32.8	32.9	- 0.6	- 0.9
Paper & Allied Products	16.5	16.7	16.9	- 1.2	- 2.4
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.4	7.6	7.9	- 2.6	- 6.3
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.9	5.9	5.8	0	+ 1.7
Printing & Publishing	16.6	16.7	16.1	- 0.6	+ 3.1
Newspapers	3.7	3.8	3.6	- 2.6	+ 2.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	24.9	24.9	24.7	0	+ 0.8
Plastic Materials & Synthetics	8.9	9.0	9.0	- 1.1	- 1.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	24.2	24.2	24.4	0	- 0.8
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.8	3.7	3.6	+ 2.7	+ 5.6

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products."

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ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

July, 1986

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS July 1986	June* 1986	July* 1985	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS July 1986	June* 1986	July* 1985	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS July 1986	June* 1986	July* 1985
MANUFACTURING	$301.15	$304.84	$283.19	40.1	40.7	38.9	$ 7.51	$ 7.49	$ 7.28
DURABLE GOODS	310.04	314.20	294.71	39.8	40.7	39.4	7.79	7.72	7.48
Lumber & Wood Products	265.02	267.65	253.66	40.4	40.8	40.2	6.56	6.56	6.31
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	253.99	260.30	244.99	39.5	40.8	39.9	6.43	6.38	6.14
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	306.27	286.86	282.00	41.5	39.9	40.0	7.38	7.19	7.05
Furniture & Fixtures	257.00	265.87	239.85	37.3	38.7	36.9	6.89	6.87	6.50
Household Furniture	253.13	262.96	236.72	36.9	38.5	36.7	6.86	6.83	6.45
Wood Household Furniture	242.63	253.23	231.01	37.5	39.2	37.2	6.47	6.46	6.21
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	349.03	347.33	323.11	41.8	42.1	40.9	8.35	8.25	7.90
Structural Clay Products	307.35	306.22	269.24	45.0	44.9	42.2	6.83	6.82	6.38
Primary Metal Industries	352.76	374.36	351.46	40.5	42.3	41.3	8.71	8.85	8.51
Fabricated Metal Products	338.85	348.20	323.33	40.1	41.7	41.4	8.45	8.35	7.81
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	348.94	352.31	333.73	41.1	41.4	40.6	8.49	8.51	8.22
Special Industry Machinery	324.41	332.48	308.87	40.2	41.2	39.7	8.07	8.07	7.78
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	351.82	354.06	329.78	41.1	41.9	39.4	8.56	8.45	8.37
Household Appliances	271.99	282.05	235.66	40.9	42.8	36.2	6.65	6.59	6.51
Transportation Equipment	349.35	351.96	348.20	41.1	41.9	41.7	8.50	8.40	8.35
NONDURABLE GOODS	294.67	299.15	275.99	40.2	40.7	38.6	7.33	7.35	7.15
Food & Kindred Products	280.98	278.94	263.00	41.2	40.9	40.4	6.82	6.82	6.51
Meat Products	228.73	232.06	220.02	38.9	39.6	39.5	5.88	5.86	5.57
Meat Packing	330.07	339.30	334.63	42.7	43.5	43.8	7.73	7.80	7.64
Dairy Products	311.66	307.54	299.25	45.3	44.7	45.0	6.88	6.88	6.65
Grain Mill Products	324.65	319.61	318.29	43.0	42.9	45.6	7.55	7.45	6.98
Bakery Products	312.48	293.72	305.66	42.0	39.8	41.7	7.44	7.38	7.33
Beverages	546.75	572.93	485.83	45.0	47.0	43.3	12.15	12.19	11.22
Tobacco Manufacturers	517.85	565.50	460.59	35.3	37.5	33.4	14.67	15.08	13.79
Cigarettes	547.86	598.13	492.53	35.3	37.5	33.1	15.52	15.95	14.88
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	203.65	220.08	205.67	32.9	35.1	34.8	6.19	6.27	5.91
Textile Mill Products	273.07	273.79	246.14	41.5	41.8	38.4	6.58	6.55	6.41
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	305.66	301.60	260.26	41.7	41.6	36.4	7.33	7.25	7.15
Weaving Mills, Cotton	299.77	288.90	244.71	40.4	39.2	33.8	7.42	7.37	7.24
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	311.61	316.30	277.85	43.1	44.3	39.3	7.23	7.14	7.07
Knitting Mills	248.44	251.13	232.02	40.2	40.9	38.8	6.18	6.14	5.98
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	231.17	237.80	236.40	38.4	39.9	40.0	6.02	5.96	5.91
Hosiery, NEC	238.73	238.76	218.58	39.2	39.4	37.3	6.09	6.06	5.86
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	278.70	278.38	247.68	42.1	42.5	38.7	6.62	6.55	6.40
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	311.44	317.77	262.75	45.4	46.8	40.8	6.86	6.79	6.44
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	270.95	282.35	262.40	40.5	41.4	39.4	6.69	6.82	6.66
Yarn & Thread Mills	274.96	275.39	241.47	43.3	43.3	39.2	6.35	6.36	6.16
Apparel & Other Textile Products	194.63	200.03	187.73	37.5	38.1	37.1	5.19	5.25	5.06
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	191.57	202.39	180.61	36.7	37.9	34.8	5.22	5.34	5.19
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	182.89	187.56	183.36	37.4	38.2	38.2	4.89	4.91	4.80
Paper & Allied Products	490.60	499.70	492.38	44.0	44.3	44.6	11.15	11.28	11.04
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	639.38	660.10	634.26	44.9	46.0	46.5	14.24	14.35	13.64
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	367.52	357.79	348.80	43.7	42.9	43.6	8.41	8.34	8.00
Printing & Publishing	341.93	336.87	324.48	38.9	38.9	39.0	8.79	8.66	8.32
Newspapers	264.18	263.40	286.06	31.6	32.2	34.8	8.36	8.18	8.22
Chemicals & Allied Products	399.59	406.81	386.37	39.8	41.3	40.5	10.04	9.85	9.54
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	456.60	438.21	461.34	42.2	40.5	43.4	10.82	10.82	10.63
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	368.75	372.50	355.12	40.3	40.8	40.4	9.15	9.13	8.79
MINING	384.11	392.83	385.12	46.9	47.5	47.9	8.19	8.27	8.04
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	502.86	495.60	471.92	42.4	42.0	41.8	11.86	11.80	11.29
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	206.75	205.26	200.07	33.4	33.0	33.4	6.19	6.22	5.99
Wholesale Trade	325.19	322.34	302.59	39.9	39.6	39.4	8.15	8.14	7.68
Retail Trade	173.80	173.16	171.18	31.6	31.2	31.7	5.50	5.55	5.40
General Merchandise Stores	162.84	161.51	161.12	29.5	29.1	30.4	5.52	5.55	5.30
Food Stores	189.73	191.29	189.38	33.7	33.5	33.4	5.63	5.71	5.67
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	145.07	141.66	138.53	31.4	30.4	31.2	4.62	4.66	4.44
Laundry, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	193.05	195.05	195.66	35.1	35.4	36.1	5.50	5.51	5.42

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NORTH CAROLINA
STATE LABOR SUMMARY
August, 1986

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT SUFFERS MONTHLY DECLINE: North Carolina's total employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 3,073,100 in the middle of August, 1986, a net monthly loss of 22,000 workers which amounted to 0.7 percent. The Statewide seasonally adjusted total employment was estimated to be 3,028,000 this August, a net over-the-month decrease of 20,000 people, also only 0.7 percent.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT GROWS OVER THE MONTH: The state's manufacturing employment by place of work was estimated to be 828,600 in the middle of August of this year, a net monthly increase of 8,000 workers (+1.0 percent). Employment in the durable goods segment grew by 3,500 people (+1.1 percent) as strong gains were noted in furniture and fixtures (+2,200; +2.7 percent) with total household furniture up by 1,900; and lumber and wood (+700; +2.0 percent) as wood buildings and mobile homes grew by 800. Employment in the nondurable goods segment advanced by 4,400 workers (+6.9 percent). Employment in textile mill products was up 2,700 (+1.3 percent) with weaving mills up 200, knitting mills up 600, and yarn mills up 500. Tobacco manufacturing employment grew by 1,300 (+5.4 percent) as stemming and redrying rose seasonally by 1,500 workers. The gain in textiles and tobacco accounted for 90 percent of the employment growth.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT UP SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE MONTH AND YEAR: As of mid-August, 1986, statewide nonmanufacturing employment by place of work was estimated to be 1,868,700, a net over-the-month gain of 7,400 workers (+0.4 percent). Most of the increase occurred in trade (+2,100; +0.3 percent) with wholesale adding 600 and retail adding 1,500; and government (+3,800; +1.0 percent) as federal government rose by 800 and state government by 3,500. Over the year, the employment increase was impressive at 73,400 (+4.1 percent) with six of the seven nonmanufacturing industry groups enjoying good growth. The largest employment growth was posted in service and miscellaneous (+22,600; +5.2 percent); trade (+22,000; + 3.8 percent); and construction (+12,200; + 7.9 percent). Although employment growth over the month was greater in manufacturing, the yearly growth in nonmanufacturing was 4.1 percent as compared to 0.1 percent in manufacturing.

UNADJUSTED TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT FALLS OVER THE MONTH: Total unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) in the state was estimated to be 165,900 in mid-August, 1986, a net over-the-month decline of 1,200 persons (-0.7 percent). Due to the much greater decrease in total employment, however, the unadjusted rate of unemployment remained the same at 5.1 percent. Statewide seasonally adjusted total unemployment was estimated to be 166,000 in the middle of August of this year, a rather large net monthly surge of 11,000 people (+7.1 percent). As a result, the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment rose from 4.8 percent in July, 1986, to 5.2 percent in August, 1986. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 6.7 percent this August and 7.0 percent this July. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the nation were 6.8 percent in August, 1986, and 6.9 percent in July, 1986.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force 1/

	August, 1986	July, 1986	August, 1985 2/
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,239,000	3,262,200	3,154,300
Employment	3,073,100	3,095,100	2,971,100
Unemployment	165,900	167,100	183,200
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.1	5.8
(Seasonally Adjusted)			
Civilian Labor Force	3,194,000	3,203,000	3,106,000
Employment	3,028,000	3,048,000	2,927,000
Unemployment	166,000	155,000	179,000
Unemployment Rate	5.2	4.8	5.8
National Rate (Unadjusted)	6.7	7.0	6.9
(Seasonally Adjusted)	6.8	6.9	7.1

1/ Data compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
2/ Revised.

BOTH AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS INCREASE: From mid-July to mid-August of this year, the average hourly earnings of the State's manufacturing production workers gained 5¢ an hour (+0.7 percent) to rise to $7.57. Employees in the durable goods sector experienced a more modest net over-the-month gain of just 1¢ an hour (+0.1 percent) to edge forward to $7.79. Transportation equipment workers realized the largest net monthly increase in durable goods, up by 21¢ an hour (+2.5 percent) to hit $8.67 this August. Employees in primary metals followed with a net over-the-month gain of 17¢ an hour (+2.0 percent) to rise to $8.84 in August, 1986. Workers in the nondurable goods sector enjoyed a net monthly increase of 8¢ an hour (+1.1 percent) to climb to $7.43 this August. Textile mill products employees led the way in nondurables with a net over-the-month rise of 11¢ an hour (+1.7 percent) to reach $6.70. Workers in apparel and printing gained 7¢ an hour over the month with hourly earnings rising to $5.25 and $8.85, respectively. The average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production employees rose $8.06 (+2.7 percent) to $309.61 from the middle of July to the middle of August, 1986. Average weekly hours remained high at 40.9 this August, a monthly gain of 0.8 of an hour.

MOST JOB OPENINGS FILLED: During the first two months of Fiscal Year 1987 (July 1, 1986, through August 31, 1986), there were 63,591 job openings received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina, and over three-fourths were filled (49,749 or 78.2 percent). During the period, the largest number of job openings by far occurred in farming, fishing, and forestry, which had 17,224, and almost all of those were filled (16,724 or 97.1 percent). Job openings received in the service sector numbered 9,390 with 6,701 or 71.4 percent filled. Those received in the miscellaneous occupations totaled 7,909 of which 80.2 percent or 6,342 were filled. The smallest number of job openings (1,651) recorded were in sales occupations, and 800 or 48.5 percent were filled. There were 20,275 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file as of August 31, 1986. Most of those openings (11,900 or 58.7 percent) were labeled as hard-to-fill because they had been on file for thirty days or longer. The next table gives more data from the Statewide job openings file for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1986, through August 31, 1986).

Statewide Job Openings Data

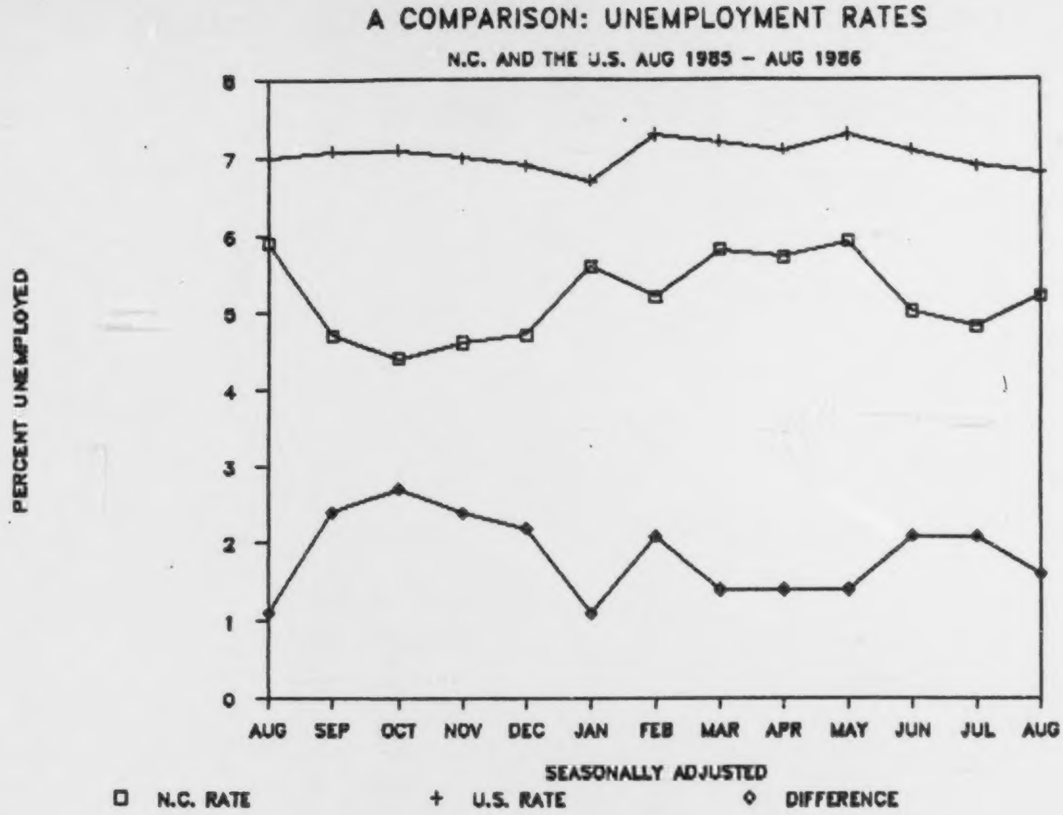
	Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of Aug. 31, 1986	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	2,338	1,065	1,876	1,197
Clerical	6,192	4,180	2,619	1,465
Sales	1,651	800	1,125	626
Service	9,390	6,701	4,193	2,270
Domestic	527	384	146	77
Other Services	8,863	6,317	4,047	2,193
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	17,224	16,724	289	166
Processing	3,032	2,357	764	311
Machine Trades	3,914	2,973	1,741	1,077
Bench Work	5,402	3,759	2,684	1,944
Structural Work	6,539	4,848	2,662	1,582
Miscellaneous	7,909	6,342	2,322	1,262
Motor Freight and Transp.	1,265	672	653	313
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	6,507	5,581	1,611	915
Other	137	89	58	34
Total	63,591	49,749	20,275	11,900

1/ July 1, 1986, through August 31, 1986.

NUMEROUS JOB APPLICANTS ON FILE: As of August 31, 1986, there were 174,727 active job applicants registered for work with the local Job Service Offices across the state. The twenty-two to thirty-nine sector was the largest applicant sector by age with 108,991 or 62.3 percent of the total followed by the forty to fifty-four age segment which had 30,502 or 17.5 percent. The fifty-five and over age sector had the fewest active applicants with 9,239 or just 5.3 percent of the total. Males comprised the majority of the active applicants (51.5 percent or 90,068), and most of the active applicants were white, not Hispanic (100,009 or 57.2 percent). In August of this year, 786 applicants were placed in $15,000+ jobs. Of that total, the Winston-Salem office placed the most with 93. Following Winston-Salem was Greensboro with 66, Raleigh with 59, and Charlotte with 41. The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's active applicant file as of the end of August of this year.

Statewide Active Applicant File
August 31, 1986

	Number	Percent
Total	174,727	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	25,995	14.9
22 - 39	108,991	62.3
40 - 54	30,502	17.5
55 and Over	9,239	5.3
Sex		
Male	90,068	51.5
Female	84,659	48.5
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	100,009	57.2
Black, not Hispanic	69,349	39.7
Hispanic	2,090	1.2
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,469	1.4
Other Races and Undetermined	810	0.5
Eligible Claimant	67,063	38.4
Veteran	33,315	19.1
Handicapped	10,662	6.1
Seasonal Farmworker	3,986	2.3


A COMPARISON: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
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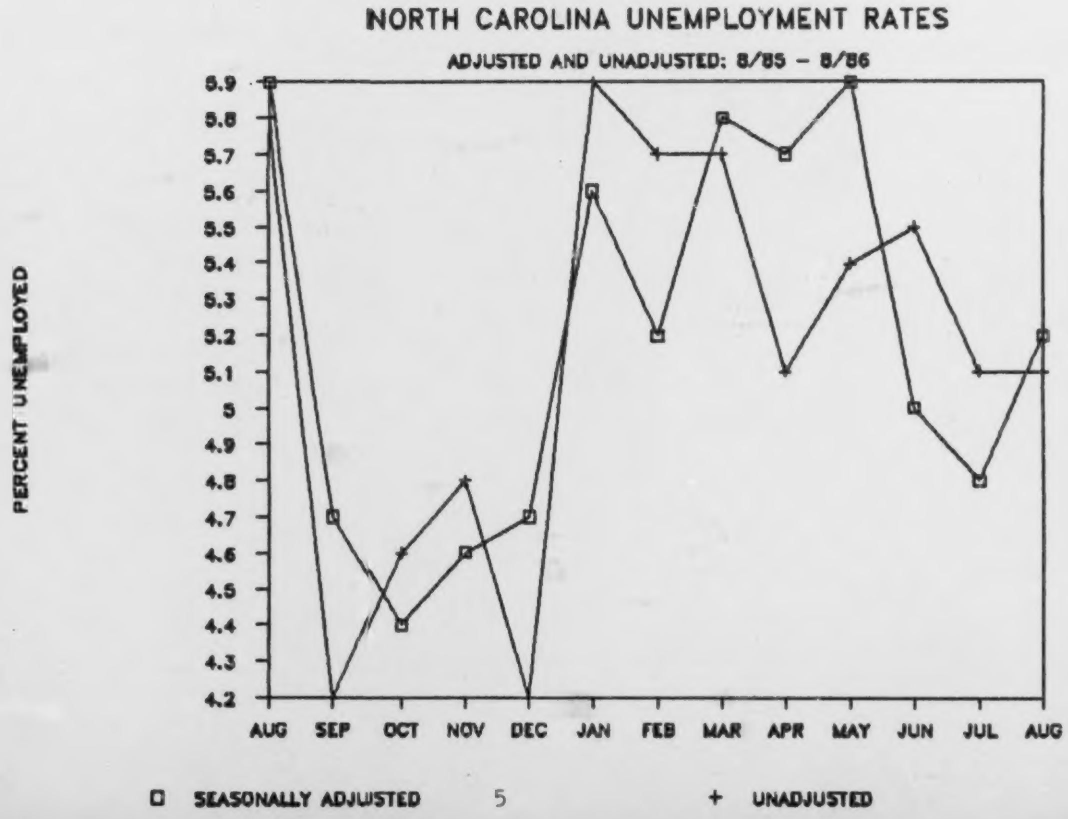
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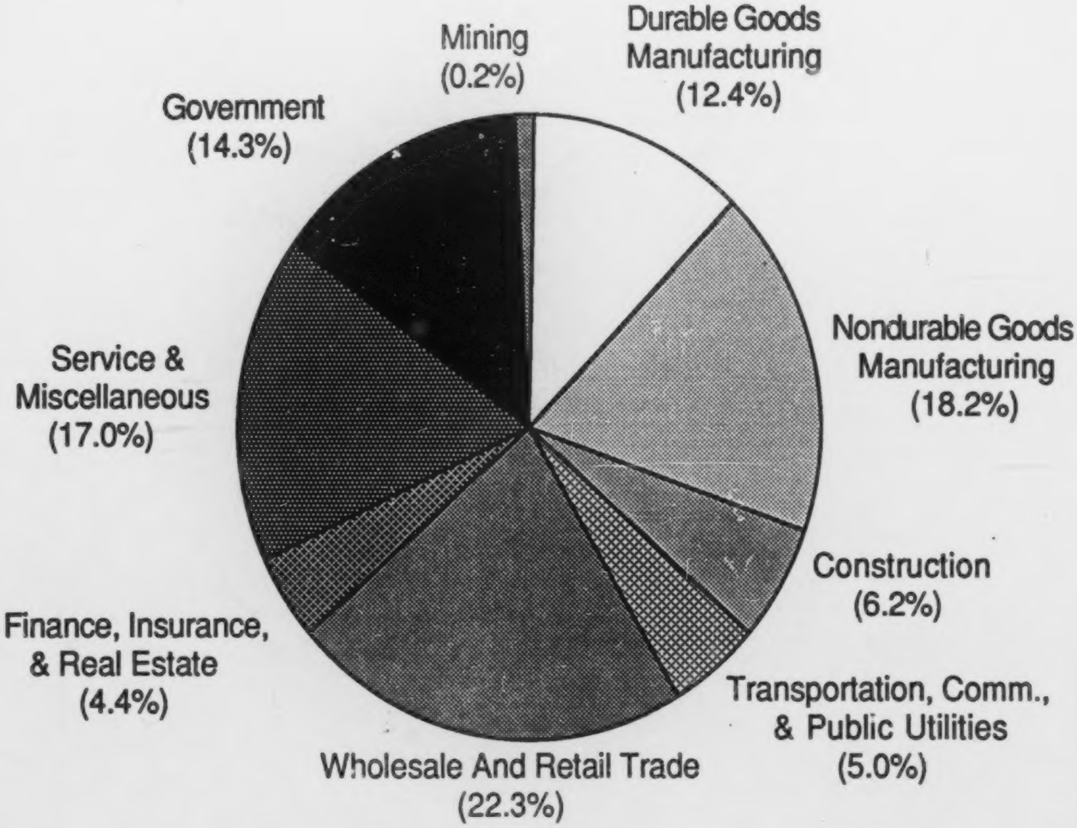
COMPOSITION OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA
AUGUST 1986

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

August, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	August 1986 (Thous.)	July* 1986 (Thous.)	August* 1985 (Thous.)	July 1986	August 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,697.3	2,681.9	2,623.3	+ 0.6	+ 2.8
MANUFACTURING	828.6	820.6	828.0	+ 1.0	+ 0.1
DURABLE GOODS	334.6	331.1	342.7	+ 1.1	- 2.4
Lumber & Wood Products	35.5	34.8	36.3	+ 2.0	- 2.2
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.7	11.6	12.3	+ 0.9	- 4.9
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.5	8.6	8.6	- 1.2	- 1.2
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.3	4.5	5.2	+ 17.8	+ 1.9
Furniture & Fixtures	84.2	82.0	84.6	+ 2.7	- 0.5
Household Furniture	74.2	72.3	74.8	+ 2.6	- 0.8
Wood Household Furniture	37.2	35.9	37.9	+ 3.6	- 1.8
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.2	30.8	31.0	+ 1.3	+ 0.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	20.0	19.7	19.4	+ 1.5	+ 3.1
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.7	5.6	5.5	+ 1.8	+ 3.6
Primary Metal Industries	10.0	10.2	10.7	- 2.0	- 6.5
Fabricated Metal Products	26.5	26.4	26.8	+ 0.4	- 1.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.1	8.2	8.7	- 1.2	- 6.9
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	55.2	54.7	58.0	+ 0.9	- 4.8
Special Industry Machinery	7.1	7.0	7.0	+ 1.4	+ 1.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.5	62.5	66.7	0	- 6.3
Household Appliances	6.5	5.9	5.4	+ 10.2	+ 20.4
Transportation Equipment	23.4	23.8	23.2	- 1.7	+ 0.9
Other Durable Goods 2/	17.4	17.1	17.0	+ 1.8	+ 2.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	493.9	489.5	485.4	+ 0.9	+ 1.8
Food & Kindred Products	48.1	48.3	46.1	- 0.4	+ 4.3
Meat Products	21.0	20.9	19.8	+ 0.5	+ 6.1
Meat Packing Plants	2.3	2.4	2.5	- 4.2	- 8.0
Dairy Products	3.2	3.2	3.0	0	+ 6.7
Grain Mill Products	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 4.2
Bakery Products	7.8	7.7	7.6	+ 1.3	+ 2.6
Beverages	6.0	6.1	6.1	- 1.6	- 1.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.2	23.9	26.4	+ 5.4	- 4.5
Cigarettes	20.7	21.0	20.9	- 1.4	- 1.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.8	2.3	5.1	+ 65.2	- 25.5
Textile Mill Products	209.8	207.1	206.7	+ 1.3	+ 1.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	51.9	51.7	55.6	+ 0.4	- 6.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton	27.0	26.8	29.0	+ 0.7	- 6.9
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.4	24.2	25.8	+ 0.8	- 5.4
Knitting Mills	78.5	77.9	75.6	+ 0.8	+ 3.8
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.3	25.4	25.4	- 0.4	- 0.4
Hosiery, NEC	24.2	24.0	23.0	+ 0.8	+ 5.2
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.7	13.3	12.4	+ 3.0	+ 10.5
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.3	6.1	6.1	+ 3.3	+ 3.3
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.6	13.6	14.2	+ 7.4	+ 2.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.2	49.7	47.7	+ 1.0	+ 5.2

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OR NORTH CAROLINA 1/

August, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	August 1986 (Thous.)	July* 1986 (Thous.)	August* 1985 (Thous.)	July 1986	August 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.6	89.2	86.1	+ 0.4	+ 4.1
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furn.	30.6	30.9	28.4	- 1.0	+ 7.7
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.7	37.3	37.8	+ 1.1	- 0.3
Paper & Allied Products	22.3	22.2	22.3	+ 0.5	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.6	10.6	10.8	0	- 1.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.7	7.7	7.7	0	0
Printing & Publishing	27.2	27.2	26.1	0	+ 4.2
Newspapers	9.9	9.9	9.5	0	+ 4.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.1	37.5	37.9	- 1.1	- 2.1
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.1	12.6	13.1	- 4.0	- 7.6
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	30.0	29.7	29.5	+ 1.0	+ 1.7
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.6	4.5	4.4	+ 2.2	+ 4.5
NONMANUFACTURING	1,868.7	1,861.3	1,795.3	+ 0.4	+ 4.1
MINING	4.7	4.7	4.9	0	- 4.1
CONSTRUCTION	166.4	165.9	154.2	+ 0.3	+ 7.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	134.1	133.6	129.9	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	72.7	72.1	69.7	+ 0.8	+ 4.3
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	56.9	57.0	55.4	- 0.2	+ 2.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	603.8	601.7	581.8	+ 0.3	+ 3.8
Wholesale Trade	142.9	142.3	139.6	+ 0.4	+ 2.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	86.6	86.5	83.7	+ 0.1	+ 3.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	56.3	55.8	55.9	+ 0.9	+ 0.7
Retail Trade	460.9	459.4	442.2	+ 0.3	+ 4.2
General Merchandise Stores	61.3	60.4	57.4	+ 1.5	+ 6.8
Food Stores	73.0	73.5	70.3	- 0.7	+ 3.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	117.7	117.5	110.3	+ 0.2	+ 6.7
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	457.3	457.1	434.7	**	+ 5.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	30.6	30.4	28.3	+ 0.7	+ 8.1
Personal Services	28.4	28.0	27.0	+ 1.4	+ 5.2
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.8	11.7	11.8	+ 0.9	0
Health Services	115.9	115.8	110.9	+ 0.1	+ 4.5
Hospitals	44.5	44.4	43.0	+ 0.2	+ 3.5
Legal Services	11.8	11.8	10.1	0	+ 16.8
Educational Services	24.7	24.6	25.7	+ 0.4	- 3.9
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	384.6	380.8	379.5	+ 1.0	+ 1.3
Federal	52.9	52.1	51.9	+ 1.5	+ 1.9
State	117.3	113.8	118.0	+ 3.1	- 0.6
Education	56.1	52.5	56.6	+ 6.9	- 0.9
Other	61.2	61.3	61.4	- 0.2	- 0.3
Local	214.4	214.8	209.6	- 0.2	+ 2.3
Education	90.0	89.4	89.8	+ 0.7	+ 0.2
Other	124.4	125.5	119.8	- 0.9	+ 3.8

1/ Current month data are preliminary. *Revised. **Less than 0.05 percent.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

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ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

August, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	August 1986 (thous)	July* 1986 (thous)	August* 1985 (thous)	July 1986	August 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,716.4	2,715.3	2,642.5	+ 0.04	+ 2.8
MANUFACTURING	824.2	825.3	823.0	- 0.1	+ 0.1
DURABLE GOODS	333.8	332.8	341.2	+ 0.3	- 2.2
Lumber & Wood Products	35.0	34.4	35.8	+ 1.7	- 2.2
Sawmills & Planing Mills	11.6	11.5	12.2	+ 0.9	- 4.9
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.4	8.5	8.5	- 1.2	- 1.2
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	5.1	4.3	5.0	+ 18.6	+ 2.0
Furniture & Fixtures	84.8	83.9	84.7	+ 1.1	+ 0.1
Household Furniture	74.7	74.2	75.4	+ 0.7	- 0.9
Wood Household Furniture	36.9	36.7	37.6	+ 0.5	- 1.9
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.3	30.9	31.2	+ 1.3	+ 0.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	19.7	19.4	19.1	+ 1.5	+ 3.1
Structural Clay Products	2.6	2.5	2.6	+ 4.0	0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.7	5.5	5.5	+ 3.6	+ 3.6
Primary Metal Industries	9.9	10.2	10.6	- 2.9	- 6.6
Fabricated Metal Products	26.3	26.3	26.6	0	- 1.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	7.9	8.1	8.5	- 2.5	- 7.1
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.8	54.7	57.6	+ 0.2	- 4.9
Special Industry Machinery	7.1	7.1	7.0	0	+ 1.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	62.3	63.1	66.4	- 1.3	- 6.2
Household Appliances	6.1	5.7	5.1	+ 7.0	+ 19.6
Transportation Equipment	23.6	23.6	23.4	0	+ 0.9
Other Durable Goods 2/	17.4	17.2	17.0	+ 1.2	+ 2.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	490.4	492.5	481.8	- 0.4	+ 1.8
Food & Kindred Products	47.8	47.3	45.8	+ 1.1	+ 4.4
Meat Products	20.9	20.9	19.7	0	+ 6.1
Meat Packing Plants	2.3	2.4	2.5	- 4.2	- 8.0
Dairy Products	3.1	3.1	2.9	0	+ 6.9
Grain Mill Products	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 4.2
Bakery Products	7.8	7.7	7.6	+ 1.3	+ 2.6
Beverages	5.8	5.9	5.9	- 1.7	- 1.7
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.8	25.5	24.9	- 6.7	- 4.4
Cigarettes	20.7	20.8	20.9	- 0.5	- 1.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.9	4.0	3.8	- 27.5	- 23.7
Textile Mill Products	208.8	208.6	205.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	51.8	52.3	55.6	- 1.0	- 6.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton	27.0	27.0	29.1	0	- 7.2
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.4	24.5	25.8	- 0.4	- 5.4
Knitting Mills	77.8	78.1	74.9	- 0.4	+ 3.9
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	25.0	25.3	25.1	- 1.2	- 0.4
Hosiery, NEC	23.7	23.7	22.6	0	+ 4.9
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.6	13.3	12.4	+ 2.3	+ 9.7
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.2	6.1	6.0	+ 1.6	+ 3.3
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.5	13.9	14.1	+ 4.3	+ 2.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	49.8	51.0	47.3	- 2.4	+ 5.3

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ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OR NORTH CAROLINA 1/

August, 1986

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT August 1986 (thous)	July* 1986 (thous)	August* 1985 (thous)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: July 1986	August 1985
Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.8	90.0	85.3	- 1.3	+ 4.1
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furn.	30.0	31.1	27.9	- 3.5	+ 7.5
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	37.6	37.7	37.7	- 0.3	- 0.3
Paper & Allied Products	22.4	22.2	22.4	+ 0.9	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.6	10.6	10.9	0	- 2.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.7	7.7	7.7	0	0
Printing & Publishing	27.6	27.6	26.5	0	+ 4.2
Newspapers	9.9	9.8	9.5	+ 1.0	+ 4.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.9	37.5	37.7	- 1.6	- 2.1
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.0	12.5	13.0	- 4.0	- 7.7
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.7	29.3	29.2	+ 1.4	+ 1.7
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.6	4.5	4.4	+ 2.2	+ 4.5
NONMANUFACTURING	1,892.2	1,890.0	1,819.5	+ 0.1	+ 4.0
MINING	4.6	4.6	4.8	0	- 4.2
CONSTRUCTION	160.2	159.5	148.3	+ 0.4	+ 8.0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	133.2	134.0	129.0	- 0.6	+ 3.3
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	72.4	72.5	69.4	- 0.1	+ 4.3
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	56.6	56.8	55.1	- 0.4	+ 2.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	598.4	599.0	576.2	- 0.1	+ 3.9
Wholesale Trade	140.2	141.9	136.9	- 1.2	+ 2.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	86.3	86.2	83.4	+ 0.1	+ 3.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	53.9	55.7	53.5	- 3.2	+ 0.7
Retail Trade	458.2	457.1	439.3	+ 0.2	+ 4.3
General Merchandise Stores	62.4	61.9	58.3	+ 0.8	+ 7.0
Food Stores	73.1	73.1	70.3	0	+ 4.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	116.5	116.0	109.2	+ 0.4	+ 6.7
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	450.5	449.5	428.2	+ 0.2	+ 5.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	27.6	27.7	25.5	- 0.4	+ 8.2
Personal Services	28.9	28.7	27.4	+ 0.7	+ 5.5
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	11.7	11.7	11.7	0	0
Health Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hospitals	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Legal Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Educational Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	428.8	427.4	423.8	+ 0.3	+ 1.2
Federal	52.6	51.6	51.6	+ 1.9	+ 1.9
State	126.3	125.5	127.0	+ 0.6	- 0.6
Education	66.2	65.9	66.8	+ 0.5	- 0.9
Other	60.1	59.6	60.2	+ 0.8	- 0.2
Local	249.9	250.3	245.2	- 0.2	+ 1.9
Education	128.4	129.6	128.2	- 0.9	+ 0.2
Other	121.5	120.7	117.0	+ 0.7	+ 3.8

1/ Current month data are preliminary. *Revised.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

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ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/
August, 1986

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	August 1986	July* 1986	August* 1985	July 1986	August 1985
MANUFACTURING	655.2	647.8	654.8	+ 1.1	+ 0.1
DURABLE GOODS	251.5	248.2	258.4	+ 1.3	- 2.7
Lumber & Wood Products	30.3	29.7	31.3	+ 2.0	- 3.2
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.3	7.5	7.6	- 2.7	- 3.9
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.3	3.5	4.2	+ 22.9	+ 2.4
Furniture & Fixtures	74.0	71.7	75.0	+ 3.2	- 1.3
Household Furniture	65.7	63.7	66.9	+ 3.1	- 1.8
Wood Household Furniture	34.0	32.5	34.8	+ 4.6	- 2.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	16.2	15.9	15.8	+ 1.9	+ 2.5
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Primary Metal Industries	7.3	7.3	8.0	0	- 8.8
Fabricated Metal Products	19.7	19.7	19.9	0	- 1.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	27.2	26.9	28.7	+ 1.1	- 5.2
Special Industry Machinery	4.8	4.6	4.8	+ 4.3	0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	44.9	44.8	48.1	+ 0.2	- 6.7
Household Appliances	5.8	5.2	4.8	+ 11.5	+ 20.8
Transportation Equipment	18.8	19.1	18.7	- 1.6	+ 0.5
NONDURABLE GOODS	403.7	399.6	396.4	+ 1.0	+ 1.8
Food & Kindred Products	34.3	34.5	32.4	- 0.6	+ 5.9
Meat Products	18.7	18.6	17.5	+ 0.5	+ 6.9
Meat Packing	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 5.6
Dairy Products	1.7	1.7	1.5	0	+ 13.3
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Bakery Products	4.3	4.3	4.2	0	+ 2.4
Beverages	2.6	2.5	2.6	+ 4.0	0
Tobacco Manufacturers	19.2	18.0	20.7	+ 6.7	- 7.2
Cigarettes	16.0	16.2	16.5	- 1.2	- 3.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.6	1.2	3.8	+ 116.7	- 31.6
Textile Mill Products	185.6	183.0	182.5	+ 1.4	+ 1.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	45.9	45.7	48.9	+ 0.4	- 6.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	23.6	23.5	25.5	+ 0.4	- 7.5
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	21.8	21.7	23.0	+ 0.5	- 5.2
Knitting Mills	69.7	69.0	66.9	+ 1.0	+ 4.2
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.7	22.7	22.8	0	- 0.4
Hosiery, NEC	21.7	21.6	20.9	+ 0.5	+ 3.8
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	11.8	11.4	10.5	+ 3.5	+ 12.4
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.5	5.4	5.3	+ 1.9	+ 3.8
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.3	11.3	11.9	+ 8.8	+ 3.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	45.6	45.1	43.4	+ 1.1	+ 5.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	78.4	78.0	75.6	+ 0.5	+ 3.7
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	26.6	26.9	25.3	- 1.1	+ 5.1
Women's & Children's Garments	33.0	32.6	32.8	+ 1.2	+ 0.6
Paper & Allied Products	16.7	16.6	16.8	+ 0.6	- 0.6
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.5	7.5	7.9	0	- 5.1
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.9	5.9	5.8	0	+ 1.7
Printing & Publishing	16.8	16.8	16.2	0	+ 3.7
Newspapers	3.7	3.8	3.6	- 2.6	+ 2.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	24.4	24.9	24.6	- 2.0	- 0.8
Plastic Materials & Synthetics	8.5	8.9	9.0	- 4.5	- 5.6
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	24.5	24.1	23.9	+ 1.7	+ 2.5
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.9	3.8	3.6	+ 2.6	+ 8.3

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2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products."
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ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

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INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Aug. 1986	Jul.* 1986	Aug.* 1985	Aug. 1986	Jul.* 1986	Aug.* 1985	Aug. 1986	Jul.* 1986	Aug.* 1985
MANUFACTURING	$309.61	$301.55	$291.73	40.9	40.1	39.8	$ 7.57	$ 7.52	$ 7.33
DURABLE GOODS	317.83	310.42	302.30	40.8	39.9	40.2	7.79	7.78	7.52
Lumber & Wood Products	270.10	267.15	257.18	40.8	40.6	40.5	6.62	6.58	6.35
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	263.57	259.05	247.02	40.8	40.1	40.1	6.46	6.46	6.16
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	297.57	308.35	287.89	39.0	41.5	39.6	7.63	7.43	7.27
Furniture & Fixtures	270.27	258.31	252.01	39.0	37.6	38.3	6.93	6.87	6.58
Household Furniture	268.41	255.13	249.83	38.9	37.3	38.2	6.90	6.84	6.54
Wood Household Furniture	259.60	248.45	242.79	40.0	38.4	38.6	6.49	6.47	6.29
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	344.04	350.28	331.52	41.5	41.9	41.7	8.29	8.36	7.95
Structural Clay Products	301.24	306.43	278.64	44.3	44.8	43.2	6.80	6.84	6.45
Primary Metal Industries	377.47	351.14	360.40	42.7	40.5	42.3	8.84	8.67	8.52
Fabricated Metal Products	357.86	339.33	328.50	42.2	40.3	41.9	8.48	8.42	7.84
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	366.36	350.96	344.87	42.6	41.0	41.5	8.60	8.56	8.31
Special Industry Machinery	338.62	322.40	312.33	41.6	40.1	40.3	8.14	8.04	7.75
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	351.07	352.67	338.52	41.4	41.2	40.3	8.48	8.56	8.40
Household Appliances	271.74	278.72	262.94	42.0	41.6	39.9	6.47	6.70	6.59
Transportation Equipment	362.41	346.86	351.95	41.8	41.0	41.7	8.67	8.46	8.44
NONDURABLE GOODS	304.63	295.47	284.40	41.0	40.2	39.5	7.43	7.35	7.20
Food & Kindred Products	277.09	279.48	264.01	40.1	40.8	39.7	6.91	6.85	6.65
Meat Products	223.09	228.54	213.36	38.2	39.0	38.1	5.84	5.86	5.60
Meat Packing	334.63	339.82	339.64	43.8	43.4	43.6	7.64	7.83	7.79
Dairy Products	301.09	322.02	298.37	43.7	46.4	44.4	6.89	6.94	6.72
Grain Mill Products	316.83	323.36	305.54	42.7	43.0	43.9	7.42	7.52	6.96
Bakery Products	311.17	304.03	303.37	41.6	40.7	41.5	7.48	7.47	7.31
Beverages	538.65	541.24	520.84	43.9	44.4	44.9	12.27	12.19	11.60
Tobacco Manufacturers	500.12	517.44	456.83	34.9	35.2	34.4	14.33	14.70	13.28
Cigarettes	555.10	547.86	518.54	35.2	35.3	34.5	15.77	15.52	15.03
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	204.80	209.08	200.40	33.3	33.4	33.4	6.15	6.26	6.00
Textile Mill Products	284.08	272.83	258.55	42.4	41.4	39.9	6.70	6.59	6.48
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	326.80	306.50	283.61	43.4	41.7	39.5	7.53	7.35	7.18
Weaving Mills, Cotton	335.92	303.35	283.87	43.4	40.5	39.1	7.74	7.49	7.26
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	317.25	310.32	282.18	43.4	43.1	39.8	7.31	7.20	7.09
Knitting Mills	251.10	246.18	234.00	40.5	39.9	39.0	6.20	6.17	6.00
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	238.94	229.96	238.00	39.3	38.2	40.0	6.08	6.02	5.95
Hosiery, NEC	232.32	233.70	217.04	38.4	38.5	37.1	6.05	6.07	5.85
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	287.51	281.54	259.53	43.3	42.4	40.3	6.64	6.64	6.44
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	314.59	309.63	274.33	46.4	45.4	42.4	6.78	6.82	6.47
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	297.73	273.24	280.84	42.9	40.6	41.3	6.94	6.73	6.80
Yarn & Thread Mills	283.39	273.46	256.03	43.8	43.2	40.9	6.47	6.33	6.26
Apparel & Other Textile Products	199.50	193.21	194.16	38.0	37.3	37.7	5.25	5.18	5.15
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	193.25	188.24	185.83	36.6	36.2	35.6	5.28	5.20	5.22
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	186.09	182.02	187.39	37.9	37.3	38.4	4.91	4.88	4.88
Paper & Allied Products	512.79	504.83	480.05	45.1	44.4	43.8	11.37	11.37	10.96
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	682.08	672.06	611.56	46.4	46.0	45.1	14.70	14.61	13.56
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	368.96	363.23	348.80	44.4	43.5	43.6	8.31	8.35	8.00
Printing & Publishing	352.23	340.66	330.12	39.8	38.8	39.3	8.85	8.78	8.40
Newspapers	269.57	266.68	286.40	32.4	31.9	34.8	8.32	8.36	8.23
Chemicals & Allied Products	414.00	409.36	390.58	41.4	41.1	41.2	10.00	9.96	9.48
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	450.28	466.04	440.16	41.5	42.6	42.0	10.85	10.94	10.48
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	401.39	372.08	374.51	43.3	40.4	41.2	9.27	9.21	9.09
MINING	366.93	383.64	380.62	45.3	46.9	47.4	8.10	8.18	8.03
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	499.65	497.28	481.74	42.2	42.0	42.0	11.84	11.84	11.47
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	207.08	207.41	200.53	33.4	33.4	33.2	6.20	6.21	6.04
Wholesale Trade	319.16	325.56	302.18	39.5	39.8	39.5	8.08	8.18	7.65
Retail Trade	175.94	174.98	171.44	31.7	31.7	31.4	5.55	5.52	5.46
General Merchandise Stores	169.16	166.70	158.60	30.1	30.2	29.7	5.62	5.52	5.34
Food Stores	189.06	190.07	186.87	33.7	33.7	32.9	5.61	5.64	5.68
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	142.45	144.15	143.42	30.7	31.0	31.8	4.64	4.65	4.51
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	194.19	192.15	195.66	35.5	35.0	35.9	5.47	5.49	5.45

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